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LABOUR PARTY DEBTS

tate guarantees asked r consolidation loans

By ASHER WALLFISH
erusalem Post Knesset Reporter

o of the Labour Party's top s last night approved by 17 against 11 a request for state antees on consolidation loans to wipe out the party's debts. A meeting of the Knesset fac- and the Leadership Bureau, was long and stormy, may yet its approval overturned by an d to the 600-man Central Com- e.

Labour Party's balance sheet for December, 1973 of IL24.6m. probably go up by another in the closing of accounts 974, party Secretary General Zarmi revealed at the meet-

mi said two-thirds of the ac- ated debt was owed to banks he rest to other creditors. He IL600,000 of the IL1.1m. re- l monthly from the Treasury he Histadrut went to repay the He said that consolidation enable the party to repay only 000 monthly on the debt.

ty staff had been cut in one y 30 employees and more would d off. Operations would be li- to a monthly expenditure of en IL800,000 and IL900,000. In on, members would be asked e to a fund-raising drive.

l Feinerman, objecting to the sal, said it was wrong to get yers to foot the bill when ers did not pay their party one . With so many crucial social ducational programmes short of ts, he said, it would be im- to give the party this money. man urged an independent of party property.

Ankorion said that party es cannot call meetings be- cause they cannot afford to buy postage stamps. He accused Yossi Sarid, who objects to the consolidation loan, of preaching economy now although he had boasted at election time that money was no object.

Rabbi Menahem Hacohen said the public would say that its leaders were phoney if the parties did not set an example and tighten their belts when the public was being asked to make sacrifices.

He said the party virtually did not exist if its 300,000 members were unwilling to give to a fund drive. Hacohen said the public disliked the way that Labour teamed up with Herut whenever it wanted to put through an unpalatable proposal. He said that Herut was willing to exploit its disabled veterans (of the Irgun Zvai Leumi) in order to get the proposed loan.

Mordechai Ben-Porat complained that the party did not need to own 32 vehicles on its own. Jacques Amir said the party used to waste vast sums in election advertising in hostile newspapers. Sarid said that Labour's claim that democracy depended on solvent parties did not harmonize with its own lack of internal democracy. Yitzhak Navon said that Labour never requested permission of its membership before incurring huge debts and so it should not ask the membership before incurring huge an unjustifiable request to the Treasury. Shoshana Arbeli warned that the electorate would make Labour pay dearly for this move at the next elections. Israel Kargman accused the press of deliberately inciting the public against the loan proposal because it wanted Labour to fall to pieces.

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Habash rejects Assad's unity with the terrorists

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

The head of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Dr. George Habash, yesterday rejected Syrian President Hafez Assad's offer to set up a unified "Syrian-Palestinian leadership," declaring Assad should first revoke his acceptance of the Geneva Middle East peace talks.

Habash also urged the Palestine Liberation Organization to reject attempts to incorporate it in the Geneva talks. He said Syrian and Palestinian leaders should write to "foil the Geneva conspiracy."

He reaffirmed his own rejection of any kind of settlement "based on going to Geneva and Israel's continued existence."

Dr. Kissinger at his breakfast meeting with Prime Minister Rabin in Jerusalem yesterday. (Weiss)

SEPARATE PACT IF SADAT OFFERED 'SUITABLE' TERMS

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat last night strongly indicated that he might still conclude a separate second-stage settlement with Israel once he is offered suitable Israeli conditions.

Speaking to his political and executive aides in Aswan, Sadat said that his decisions for a possible interim settlement with Israel would primarily take into consideration "Egypt's national interests." He stressed also that "Egyptian will is free and independent."

(News agency reports quoted information about the Aswan meeting that Sadat believed there was an 80 per cent chance that Dr. Kissinger would produce a new military disengagement agreement between Egypt and Israel.)

Sadat said that his decisions would be based on the circumstances which Egypt would face, thus implying that he would determine his future position on the return of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to Aswan with Israel's views concerning an interim agreement.

The Egyptian leader said that his country was maintaining a strong position "whether a further disengagement (with Israel) was accomplished or not."

In an obvious reference to Arab critics claiming that Sadat might be selling out the other Arab parties, Sadat said that Egypt would remain adamant in its "basic commitment to liberate Arab land and not bargain over the rights of the people of Palestine."

Sadat pledged to "hide nothing from the Arab nation." He added it is facts and not rhetoric which count. "We have accomplished our strategic aims by undermining the Israel security theory and have shaken the Israeli society" in the aftermath of the 1973 October war, Sadat said, adding: "We should continue our battle and continue to march as victors. At the same time we should reconstruct and develop our cities in conformity with our transition plan leading, God willing, to the five-year (development) plan."

Sadat's remarks indicated that the Egyptian leader might still agree to a second-stage settlement in Sinai provided such a development maintained a military, rather than a political character.

A compromise between Egypt and Israel within this context might eventually lead to a restricted second-stage settlement in Sinai followed by an early resumption of the Geneva conference, possibly before the expiry of the mandate of the mandate of the UN peacekeeping mission on the Golan front at the end of May. A limited settlement within the scope of Egyptian requirements was likely to involve in this case a minor Israeli pullback east of the Suez Canal, which would subsequently be reopened promptly.

A broader settlement involving an Israeli withdrawal from the Gidi and the Mitla Passes as well as the Abu Rodeis oilfields would eventually be considered only on an interim Egyptian no-war declaration which Sadat appears to be reluctant to make if it does not also involve Syria.

The Egyptians expect to evaluate their next moves concerning their conflict with Israel on the completion of Sadat's next round of talks with Kissinger, who is scheduled to return to Aswan tomorrow. Kissinger was likely to stop in Damascus before returning to Jerusalem with what is expected to be an Egyptian "concrete formula" concerning an interim settlement.

Kissinger back tonight

'Beginning of long, arduous negotiation'

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

"The beginning of the beginning of a long and arduous negotiation." This was how one member of the Israeli team described yesterday morning's working session with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in Jerusalem.

After the talks, the Secretary and Under-Secretary Joseph Sisco helicoptered to Ben-Gurion Airport where they emplaned to Turkey to meet with government officials there on the Cyprus crisis. They will return to Israel this evening for a further round of talks, leaving for Egypt tomorrow and returning here probably on Thursday.

The Israel Cabinet is to meet at noon today to hear a report from the negotiating team on the initial round of talks. Officials stressed that the ministers will not be asked to take any new decisions — because the negotiations are still remote from any decision-making stage.

Dr. Kissinger told newsmen after the working session yesterday that he had examined Egyptian "ideas and elements" with the Israeli side. Israeli officials echoed this phrase, seeking to clearly differentiate it from "plans and proposals" which, they said, had not so far been conveyed by the Secretary.

The "ideas and elements," the officials conceded, were very far removed indeed from even the barest minimum that Israel could contemplate. This had not been unexpected: the same officials had predicted that the early sparring of the initial shuttling round would seem uncompromising and unpromising.

Nevertheless, three seemed to be a faint air of let-down among some officials here. They were not prepared to predict so readily as before that despite the obstacles an agreement would finally emerge. "There is no certainty — and there are real doubts," one officials said.

Other experienced negotiators, however, said that they were not disheartened. Both sides were naturally being cautious and wary in this initial phase, they explained. "It is much too early to give up hope," one seasoned negotiator advised.

The "ideas and elements" discussed yesterday had covered the entire spectrum of the settlement scenario, this negotiator reported. This meant, he explained, that the two sides were engaged in a process of examining and refining the various parts of an accord — the political undertakings, the legal obligations, and the military arrangements on the ground — without yet committing themselves to any particular set of propositions.

This would remain the situation until later in the week, the negotiator explained. Dr. Kissinger would return to Egypt tomorrow equipped with carefully non-committal Israeli reactions to the equally non-committal Egyptian "ideas and elements." Gradually, as the talks proceeded, the refining process would become one of sifting eliminating, rejecting and accepting.

Israel's central demand for a treaty of "non-belligerency" is already shaping up as a central sticking point. Egypt's "ideas and elements" in this connection have proved flatly negative so far. But Israeli officials reported after the talks yesterday that the Israeli side had reiterated its insistence on a "direct, mutual, contractual, bilateral, independent and political" commitment that would signal a renunciation of the war option by both Egypt and Israel.

Briefing newsmen, an Israeli official cautioned against "exaggerating the Syrian element." This official said press reports that Dr. Kissinger was seeking to bring Syria into some kind of tripartite or linked interim accord with Israel and Egypt were "off the mark." The negotiations with the Secretary were concentrating on a bilateral Israel-Egypt agreement, this official insisted.

It was evident, nevertheless, that Syrian President Assad's tough talk with the Secretary on Sunday was casting its shadow over the negotiations. (Assad had strongly opposed a separate Israel-Egypt accord and had insisted that any interim accord must be achieved on all three fronts.)

Publicly, officials here were admitting that Syria would "not be helpful" to the successful progress of the negotiations. Unofficially, there was a feeling that the Golan problem might impinge upon the Israel-Egypt talks and eventually, in some way — no one was predicting precisely how and when — it might become the subject of more intensive involvement on Dr. Kissinger's part.

Dr. Kissinger's day opened with a private breakfast at Mr. Rabin's home, to which he arrived an hour late. Once the photographers had been ushered out of the breakfast room, the two men had less than 45 minutes to bolt down their repast and head for the Premier's office, where they joined the full teams for the working session.

Messrs. Kissinger and Sisco left their wives, Nancy and Jean, in Jerusalem while they flew out to Ankara yesterday. Mrs. Kissinger, stunning in a blue suede pants-suit, spent time shopping in the hotel arcade. Mrs. Sisco, tall and willowy with her auburn hair piled up in a high and elegant *chignon*, was escorted to lunch on the King David terrace by her husband's deputy, Assistant Secretary Alfred Atherton.

Amidar head resigns after finance scandal

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Zvi Alderoty, chair- f the Board of Directors of Ami- yesterday submitted his re- ion "out of a feeling of pub- sponsibility" to Housing Min- Avraham Ofer. His resigna- vas accepted by the Minister, it is believed, will shortly ap- a new chairman.

resignation followed revela- concerning the alleged mis- ct by Zvi Katz, Amidar Trea- who was charged earlier veek in the Tel Aviv District with a series of financial ons, including juggling the ny's books and fraud. Police the court that Katz made than IL3m. in the operation. addition to sharp public critic- Amidar, the Knesset Finance ittee also voiced its criticism way the company was run. submitting his resignation day, Mr. Alderoty noted that gh he had nothing to do with egal juggling of funds, he felt his duty to assume public nsibility for the wrongdoings e of the company's leading s.

rever, speaking in a Galei radio interview yesterday, he he was not responsible for nagement of the company. e contrary, he said, during m of office, Amidar had made erable achievements.

Alderoty said he could not remain in office in the light of the lack of tolerance and unwillingness to hear his case, both in Knesset Finance Committee and by the press. He would not wait until "the completion of the lynch," he said.

Amidar is the largest "landlord" in Israel, providing homes for some 200,000 families — about one million persons, or every third Israeli.

Anti-withdrawal petition to Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Likud chief Menahem Begin cocked an eye in the direction of Secretary Henry Kissinger when he said yesterday that "no political factor can possibly ignore the fact that 44 per cent of the electors to the present Knesset" signed the Likud petition against returning Judea and Samaria to foreign rule.

Begin said in the office of Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu, at the ceremony handing over the petition, that "it would good if Dr. Kissinger could read this fact in those newspapers which reach him." He added that the date was set before it was known that the Secretary would be here.

Begin's co-chief, Dr. Elimelech Rimalt, the Liberal leader, handed the petition to the Speaker. He stressed the politcal significance of the petition, which contained 619,580 signatures of Israeli citizens.

Soviets send Geneva envoy, Vinogradov, on M-E visit

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

The Soviets yesterday dispatched their senior delegate to the Geneva Middle East peace conference, Vladimir Vinogradov, to Jordan on an unexpected mission, the nature of which was not disclosed.

Amman radio last night quoted Vinogradov, a former ambassador to Cairo, as saying that he planned to hold talks with Jordanian officials on current Middle East developments. Vinogradov, who functions as Moscow's chief representative at the Geneva conference next to Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, was expected to go also to Damascus for talks with Syrian officials and probably with leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Vinogradov's arrival in the region comes on during Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's current tour to attempt to achieve a second-stage settlement in Sinai.

The Soviet envoy's trip was believed to be linked with the talks which Gromyko is planning to hold with Kissinger, probably next week in Europe.

Observers last night viewed Vinogradov's journey as signalling a possible Soviet attempt to undermine Kissinger's step-by-step approach with which only Egypt has been cooperating closely. The Soviets have been insisting on the prompt resumption of the Geneva conference.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

A group of settlers from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Petah Tikva, belonging to the Gush Emunim group, took over a cave at Ba'al Hatzor near Ramallah last night. No attempt was made to evict them.

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A small explosive charge was discovered and safely dismantled near Herod's Gate in East Jerusalem last night.

'If K succeeds, will study U.S. arms aid for Egypt'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — If Dr. Kissinger "succeeds in his latest Mid-East peace mission, the Ford Administration will make a strong effort to win Congressional approval for a programme of arms aid for Egypt. This would give Sadat an alternative to Soviet military supplies," the magazine "U.S. News and World Report" said yesterday.

In another story, the magazine said that Kissinger believes he could arrange another agreement between Israel and Syria. According to the story, Israel would return land around Kuneitra and two neighbouring hills. The UN force will occupy the territory.

Israel protests Canal passage of destroyer

By ZE'EV SCHUL

AVIV. — Israel has filed a complaint with the UN fire observation team over passage through the Suez on Friday of an Egyptian type destroyer. The violates the introduction of heavy — on board the destroyer — he demilitarized canal zone.

Skoryi carries four 130 mm. our 90 mm. guns in addition assortment of smaller calibre ns, torpedo launchers and laying equipment. The ceasegreement limits the Egyptian y build-up, east of the Afrank of the Suez Canal, to 36 122 mm. howitzers which have a range of only nine kms.

In addition, the Skoryi, now in the Gulf of Suez, will also create a new situation in the Gulf and the Red Sea area — Egypt can now easily send further naval reinforcements south whenever this will suit its purpose.

South Vietnamese troops drive to reopen Highway 19, which had been cut last week by Communist forces. (AP radiophoto)

Mortar shells fired at Moshav Shtula

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SHTULA. — A number of mortar shells fell close to this moshav in the upper Western Galilee at about 11 a.m. yesterday. There were no casualties or damage.

Israeli forces returned the fire, which may have come from Lebanese Army positions.

This was the second incident this week in which the Lebanese army opened fire on the IDF and evidently the Lebanese Army units along the border have been on alert since the terror attack on Tel Aviv last week. Throughout the day UN vehicles, probably from the UN observation post at Marwahim junction, drove close to the border on the south Lebanese highway.

War refugees expected soon in Cambodia

SENATE LEADERS URGE PRESSURE FOR LON NOL TO QUIT POST

WASHINGTON. — Agreeing that Congress will provide no more military aid for Cambodia, both the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate yesterday called for the removal of the Government of President Lon Nol.

Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott — the highest ranking Republican so far to make such a suggestion — said Lon Nol should resign in favour of a transitional regime that could negotiate a truce and a new government with insurgent Communist forces. He said the truce should guarantee the safety of refugees who want to flee before the new government takes over.

Democratic leader Mike Mansfield did not qualify his request for Lon Nol's resignation. He told the Senate it was simply the best hope for peace in Cambodia.

Shortly after Scott's statement, the Senate passed unanimously a resolution asking the Ford Administration to assure that at least half of the rice being sent to Cambodia will be made available for free, humanitarian distribution.

The resolution was sponsored by Senator Mark Hatfield who said that while the poor in Cambodia are starving and suffering from malnutrition, the rice being sent by the U.S. can be afforded only by those who still have the means to buy it.

The Hatfield resolution was hailed by Mansfield, who said peace in Cambodia will become "a distant mirage if Congress should endorse a Ford Administration plea for further military aid."

Congress is about to begin a critical phase of deliberation on a $222m. aid request that President Ford says is essential to prevent the fall of Cambodia into Communist hands.

Scott said Congress is unlikely to vote to continue military aid to Cambodia beyond the start of the rainy season and that he is ready to discuss a compromise proposal with Ford.

Scott said various countries throughout the world will have to be asked to accept refugees if Cambodia falls and that "I think that we in the United States should accept our share."

He said the biggest problem will be to get the refugees out safely and he said the U.S., either on its own behalf or through other interested parties, should be prepared to negotiate that release with whatever government succeeds Cambodian President Lon Nol, including the Communist forces of the Khmer Rouge, should that be necessary.

Scott said he hopes Congress will quickly approve sufficient amounts of humanitarian aid in food and non-military supplies to Cambodia. Describing the situation in that country as "perilous," Scott said, "I hope we can be as humane about Cambodia as we were about Bangladesh."

Scott said a transition government in Cambodia would have to make its own decision on whether to continue the war or whether to open negotiations with the Communist forces. But he left little doubt he believes that the United States and other governments will soon have to consider how to deal with large numbers of refugees.

Scott made it clear he was speaking only for himself, not for the Administration. He expressed doubt that Congress would approve all of the $220m. worth of military and economic aid for Cambodia proposed by President Ford.

"Our government ought to use as much pressure as necessary in order to get a change of leadership at the top in exchange for getting out the refugees," Scott told reporters. "The situation is very perilous indeed."

Responding to questions, Scott said he preferred to define "pressure" as "persuasion" but he did not elaborate. (UPI, AP)

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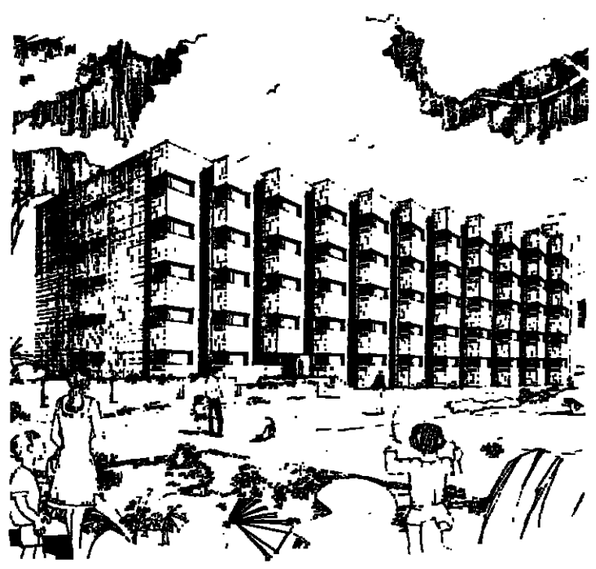

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Jerusalem	21	10—18	9—19
Golan	33	8—18	7—19
Nahariya	76	10—20	10—22
Safed	38	9—16	7—17
Haifa	56	10—21	8—21
Tiberias	27	12—26	10—27
Nazareth	31	10—21	11—23
Afula	33	9—23	7—24
Shomron	33	12—19	10—20
Tel Aviv	58	13—20	11—22
B-G Airport	39	10—25	8—26
Jericho	34	14—27	12—28
Gaza	77	13—22	11—23
Beersheba	25	10—33	8—24
Eilat	16	16—29	14—30
Tiran	24	18—28	18—29

Social and Personal

Minister of Transport Gad Yaacobi, yesterday met with the Israel Bond Florida New Leadership Delegation at the Knesset.

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Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi was the guest yesterday at a reception held by the Moslem community in the city and Galilee at the Istiklal Mosque. The reception was arranged by the Wakf Director in Haifa, Mr. Suheil Shukri, and Mr. Almogi was welcomed by the Kadi of Acre, Muhammad Hubeishi.

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Forty Canadians representing the Canadian Technion Society yesterday visited the Technion site on which a student dormitory will be built with funds they have contributed. The Canadians were accompanied by Carl Alpert, executive vice-chairman of the Technion Board of Governors, and were dinner guests of Technion President Amos Horev.

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All tickets to the first performance of the Gideon Oberson — Gottex Jerusalem Alyn-Ilan Fashion Show for the benefit of handicapped children, at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel, on Monday, March 17, are sold out. By popular request, a second show will be held at 8.30 the same evening at the Hilton. Tickets available at Ilan office, 4 Rehov Hagidem, Jerusalem from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Tel. 223534-234091) or at the desk at the Hilton Hotel.

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A public lecture on "How to Feed Your Family Intelligently and Economically" will take place today at 4 p.m. at the Women's League for Israel hostel, 37 King George St., Tel Aviv. Speaker: Mrs. Tamar Cohen of the Ministry of Agriculture Home Economics Department. The lecture is sponsored by the independent Israel Consumers Association. Passover preparations will be discussed and there will be a question-and-answer period.

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The British Settlers' Association, Jerusalem branch, will present a symposium, in English, on: "Territory, Security and the Land of Israel," with Meir Pa'il, MK, and Prof. Reuven Yaron, tonight at 8.30 p.m., at Moadon Haoleh, 9 Rehov Alkalai, Jerusalem. Everyone welcome.

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Liquidation sale at Tami Jerusalem, 7 Rehov Ben Yehuda; only a few days more. Bargains in children's and ladies' wear. (Advt.)

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IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service was held at Tel Aviv's Kiryat Shaul Military Cemetery yesterday to mark the first anniversary of the death of Aluf Kalman Magen, commander of one of the three divisions which fought along the Egyptian front in the Yom Kippur War. Defence Minister Shimon Peres paid tribute to the late commander.

ARRIVALS

Justice Minister Haim Zadok, from a Bonds mission in the U.S.

Abba Eban, MK, from the U.S., where he visited eight cities to promote aliya.

S. Zalman Abramov, MK, from New York. (By El Al).

DEPARTURES

Moetset Hapoalot Secretary-General Tamar Eshel, for Paris, to attend the executive session of the Council of the International Women's Organizations and to Pioneer Women conferences in France, Britain and Belgium.

The European Common Market Agriculture Minister, Mr. Petros Josephus Lardinois, after a week's visit to Israel.

The Rev. Claude Duvernoy, director of "Christian Action for Israel," for Washington and New York.

Acre municipal staff may strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — The Labour Council met last night to decide whether the municipal staff would strike today because they have not been paid.

The mayor said he could not promise a date for payment of salaries. He said the Interior Ministry was in default on its promised grants, owing the town IL6m. Town Council members may go on strike in another week if the situation is not resolved.

Our sincerest thanks to all friends and acquaintances who shared our grief on the death of our beloved mother

GOLDA ADLERSTEIN

The Family

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Levi

Wife of Heinz Nagler,

who died on February 12, 1975.

mourned by her daughter, Judith, her family, Erwin Hartman, and her friends.

(There will be no ceremony.)

Labour should sell assets first, say party opponents of loan plan

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Opponents in the Labour Party of the move to seek a IL25m. government loan to consolidate the party's debts say that it should sell its assets first.

It now emerges that although Mapai, Rafi and Ahdut Ha'avoda merged into the Labour Party in 1968, the union did not involve their assets. Ahdut Ha'avoda and Rafi both brought their debts. Rafi had no property, and that of Ahdut Ha'avoda reverted to its Kibbutz Hameuhad Federation.

Mapai-diversified properties are estimated by various sources as being worth up to IL100m., but party managers claim that most of it is heavily mortgaged. The Labour Party receives about IL1.1m. yearly from state financing of the parties and the Histadrut political tax, but that money is mortgaged for defraying debts and interest payments.

Half of Mapai's properties are owned by the Batei Ariosoroff holding company, which includes such veteran political figures among its directors as Shraga Netzer, David Kalderon, Benny Rosen, Naftali Blumental, Zvi Rechter and Avraham Cygel. It owns about 250 structures housing party offices and clubrooms throughout the country, as well as the large party offices in Tel Aviv. A profitable subsidiary is the "United Company for Publishing and Printing", which owns the Mapai printing press and publishes a chain of foreign-language dailies for immigrants.

Another subsidiary is the Ilan Koah Investment Company which was set up in 1967, and its registered directors are Solel Boneh general manager Zvi Rechter, its legal adviser, Shmuel Erner, and the then director of Mapai's properties department, Moshe Livne.

Meanwhile both Rechter and Livne have left (the latter for private business), and a Tel Aviv businessman, Eliyahu Giveni, joined the board. Until 1969 the company owned half of Dahaf Ltd.

Ilan Koah has investments in the Swiss-Israel Union Ltd., which is a partnership between the firm and Dr. Tibor Rosenbaum of Geneva. The firm had two subsidiaries — the Ramtam duty free shop chain, and Elkon Union Industries, which manufactures aluminium tubes. Its shareholders included Stern Anstelt of Vaduz, and Dr. Rosenbaum. Ilan Koah is also a 20 per cent partner in Gal Kahol (Blue Line) Television Film Productions, and another shareholder is a Luxembourg company which also holds a share on Dr. Rosenbaum's behalf in the Ramtam chain.

Sources in former Mapai claim that they sold out their Ramtam share some years ago, and that notwithstanding the outdated registry of ex-Mapai figures on the board, the party no longer has any link with the firm.

Among Mapai real estate is the party college at Beit Berl, near Kfar Saba. It formally belongs to the Beri Katznelson Foundation and its shares are registered in the name of such well-known personalities as David Hacohen, Yosef Almogi, Aharon Yadlin and Yona Kesse. It owns the college, a high school, a sizeable citrus grove and other farm lands, and agricultural equipment. Mapai sources say in fact these assets are not realizable for they support the party's educational work.

Jean Sisco, wife of U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs Joseph Sisco, chats with two volunteer nurses from the U.S. during a visit to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem yesterday. Mrs. Sisco, who formerly was in charge of the 5,000 employees of the University of Chicago Hospital was accompanied by Vivian Dinitz — wife of Israel's Ambassador to Washington — (left) and Professor Alexander Ruzsel, head of the Paediatrics Department (right). (A. Hazan)

Port sackings will be 'first in, last out'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Haifa port will dismiss redundant stevedores according to the principle of 'last in-first out" and not according to the regional origin of the workers. This will eliminate the interpretation that dismissals are motivated by deliberate discrimination against the Druse, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said in the Knesset yesterday. He was replying to two motions for the agenda about the port lay-of which were voted to Committee.

Ya'acobi said that when the economic situation made it essential to fire 193 stevedores, it was the Haifa Labour Council which decided that workers from outside the Haifa district would be dismissed first.

This ruling, which the Haifa port management accepted, was a deviation from the general rule of "first in — last out" the Minister said. All the dismissed stevedores were Druse. When this fact emerged, he said, the decision was revoked. Everyone accepted the principle that all must enjoy equal employment opportunities.

The Minister stressed the loyalty of the Druse community and the great contribution which it had made to the security and economic development of the State.

He said that the country's ports had to operate as business ventures, and hence there was no alternative but to dismiss 193 temporary workers.

Minister of Education Aharon Yadlin, right, greeted the recently-named coaches of the national football squad, David Schweitzer, and of the national youth teams, Emanuel Sheffer, in his office yesterday. (Photo Emka)

Glory and good example wanted from sportsmen

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EDUCATION Minister Aharon Yadlin said yesterday he hoped Israel's national football team would bring the country glory in the international sports arena and would set a good example for youth.

He was speaking at a reception in his office for the two newly-selected coaches of the Football Association, David Schweitzer and Emanuel Sheffer. Mr. Schweitzer will coach the national team for four years, and Mr. Sheffer will train the national youth teams. Schweitzer took over coaching the national team in 1973, after earlier being the youth teams coach.

Football Association chairman Menahem Heller said Mr. Yadlin was the first Education Minister to take a personal interest in sports and that this was a great encouragement to the association. The association makes great efforts to stress the education aspects of football he said. "The police tell us that on Saturday afternoons when the games are on, there is a noticeable drop in criminal activity," he added.

Replying to a Football Association official's complaint that our youth needs better sports fields, Mr. Yadlin pointed out that sports budgets escaped being cut in the recent budget. "We even tried to make up for certain increases in the cost of equipment," he said.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Yadlin met with Police Minister Shlomo Hillel and Football Association officials to discuss security and measures to prevent violence at the soccer pitch. It was agreed that the Interior Ministry's guidelines for safety at sportsfields needed updating. Mr. Hillel said the police were unable to increase the number of men keeping order at games. He suggested the association appoint safety officers to coordinate all safety arrangements and students be hired to serve as ushers.

Mr. Yadlin suggested that just as parents help guard their children's schools, so the clubs should employ their members as guards.

David Oren, director of the Education Ministry's Sports Authority, said only a few of the more than 300 games played every Saturday were plagued by violence. He stressed that football, as the nation's favourite sport, must set an example of good sportsmanship.

No purchase tax on soaps, wine

Soaps, popular wines, citrus beverages and ballpoint pens are among the articles to be exempted from the new 7.5 per cent purchase tax.

Exemption of these items was one of the pledges made to the Histadrut by the Treasury. Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev, in a meeting with Histadrut representatives this week, confirmed the exemptions would be made.

The labour federation's spokesmen asked that refrigerators, washing machines and certain other articles be free of the new tax, but Treasury officials rejected this.

Infant drowns

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — An 18-month-old girl, Maroud Talal Gendiyeh, drowned Sunday in a pail of water at her parents' home in Gaza. The child bent down to drink from the pail, lost her balance and fell into the Water.

Livneh is remembered

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday paid homage to one of its former Members, Eliezer Livneh, at the close of the *shiva* mourning period which followed his death.

Likud chief Menahem Begin recalled the end of the Mandate in 1948, when Eliezer Livneh campaigned vigorously for the Jewish State to be declared. "There were pressures then, as well. Some were faint-hearted, then as well. Some wondered whether we would be able to stand fast. Eliezer Livneh will be remembered as one of those who helped secure the fateful decision to unfurl the banner of Jewish independence, on the day the Union Jack came down," Begin said.

Opening the memorial session, Deputy Speaker Mordechai Ben-Porat said that Livneh upheld the principles of the Labour movement, even though he did not remain in its ranks.

Knesset tribute to raid victims

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The House stood for a moment's silence yesterday to commemorate the victims of the Savoy Hotel terrorist raid.

Deputy Speaker Mordechai Ben-Porat said at the start of the session that the PLO, despite its pretence of moderation, was a gang of murderers which had violated all the universal norms of morality. It was dangerous to follow enlightened rules of morality with gangs that preached murder at any price, he said.

"For the sake of the pure souls of the victims," he said, "we may well have to stop and review the norms which we ourselves apply to this vicious enemy."

School panics at terrorism false alarm

TEL AVIV. — Panic swept the Kfar Shalem quarter of Tel Aviv yesterday and one girl was injured when she jumped from a window, following false reports that terrorists had entered an elementary school.

Police rushed to the Golomb School on Derekh Lod at about noon. It was later determined that the reports had originated among the pupils themselves. Before they left the police searched the entire school building, as well as other schools and kindergartens in the area.

The injured girl, whose leg was broken, was taken to the Sheba Medical Centre.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Aharon Yadlin called on Elad Peled, director-general of the Ministry, to investigate whether the school had followed directives for such cases, the Ministry spokesman announced. The directives, sent out at the start of the school year, specify action for emergencies at a local district and national level.

Norway's Speaker here on visit

B-G AIRPORT. — The Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament, Mr. Guttorm Hansen, said on his arrival here yesterday that despite his country's vote in favour of Yasser Arafat's appearance before the UN General Assembly last year, Norway "does not recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization."

Mr. Hansen is here with the Secretary-General of the Norwegian Parliament, Mr. Gunnar Hopp, on a six-day visit as the guest of the Knesset and the Foreign Ministry. He told newsmen that Israel "has a special place in the hearts of the Norwegian people," and that last week's terrorist attack in Tel Aviv had profoundly affected his countrymen.

The guests were received by Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu, the Norwegian Ambassador, Mr. Petter Graver and by the Secretary-General of the Knesset, Netanel Lorch.

Post for Druse M.K.

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Druse Sheikh Jaber Muadi, M.K., will be appointed Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and will relinquish his post as Deputy Minister of Communications, it was learnt in the Knesset lobbies yesterday.

Eliahu Moyal (Alignment Labour) will become Deputy Minister of Communications instead. This will be a modest gesture to Labour politicians from the Oriental communities for greater representation at high level.

Electric Corporation puts 'accounts' in order after criticism

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Criticism made by the Israel Securities Authority of procedural irregularities in the Israel Electricity Corporation's balance-sheet (reported in detail in *The Jerusalem Post* on January 17) have been corrected at the initiative of the Government, the company's biggest shareholder. This was stated by Ram Haviv, Assistant Director-General in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and a board member of the IEC.

The Authority objected on two points. First, the increase in the company's linked debts each year was not entered up as a cost in that year, but was amortised over the ensuing decade — a practice condemned by the Auditors' Association. Secondly, insufficient provision was made for the IEC's pension obligations over the future.

These departures from accepted procedure were not concealed in the company's report, Mr. Haviv stressed. The object was to let the company show a profit (although the Government made it under-price its electricity) so that it could pay a modest yearly dividend. Board members were so disturbed by their dilemma that they delayed signing the Annual Balance-Sheet for 1973/74 which remains unpublished to this day, despite the deadline (September 30, 1974) set in the regulations.

The Ministerial Economic Committee approved on Monday a number of new decisions. The "linkage debt" accumulated up to March 31, 1973, amounting to IL120m., will be amortised over a five-year period.

From that date on, the IEC will be allowed to undertake "linkage insurance." Many of the Government's debtors disburse an annual premium of 4 or 5 per cent, which buys cover from the Treasury for all the debt increase deriving from linkage to the price index.

The IEC's debt shot up in 1973/74 by IL220m. because the index rose in that year by 37.5 per cent. The IEC will pay (retroactively) a premium of 4 per cent, which involves a cash outlay of IL24m. — against which the Treasury will take over the IL220m. of debt.

In the fiscal year 1974/75 (expiring this month) the index will have risen more still, adding almost IL500m. to the IEC's obligations. At the decision of the Ministerial Committee, the company will pay a premium of 6 per cent this time, or a lump sum of IL42m., against which the massive due of IL500m. will fall on the shoulders of the State.

As to the future, the Minister of Justice, Haim Zadok, is appointing a committee to examine the whole system of linked debt as it affects public utilities.

Mr. Haviv pointed out that prices will (hopefully) not always soar as in the past two years. Over the long term, the premium system may turn out to be more in line with the liabilities it is supposed to cover.

Concerning the pension provisions, the Ministerial committee decided that the IEC shall henceforth pay 1[illegible] per cent of its wage bill, on a continuing basis, into a pension fund over and above its outlay on current benefits for persons who have already retired. Whatever shortfall there is in the future between the income accumulated in the fund and the obligations that accrue will be covered by the Treasury.

The Securities Authority appears to be pleased with these changes. According to its chairman, Yitzchak Taub, representatives of the Authority will meet shortly with the company and its accountants to check how the new arrangements are reflected in the company's financial statements.

Treasury officials point out that the alternative to shifting the burden of the company's obligations to the State would have been to enact a steep increase in electricity tariffs to the consumer, which is considered undesirable.

THREE HELD IN PURIM KILLING

It started as a joke, says one of suspects

Three suspects are being held in connection with the murder of Jerusalem shopkeeper Avraham Gindi, who was gunned down in his shop by a man wearing a Purim mask about four weeks ago.

The three are Eliahu Vanonu, 18, who was arrested soon after the murder, and two other 18-year-olds, Michael Ben-Lulu and Shaul Nahmias. Ben-Lulu and Nahmias were each remanded for 15 days in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Ben-Lulu told the court that the three had met in Nahmias' home some time before Purim and began planning a robbery — initially, "just as a joke." But, Ben-Lulu continued, the "joke began to get out of hand," and an actual victim was selected. The choice fell on Gindi, owner of a small stationery and toy shop, "because we felt that with Purim approaching he must have sold lots of toys," Ben-Lulu explained.

He said the three met outside Gindi's shop at about 7.30 p.m. Vanonu and Nahmias, Ben-Lulu alleged, stayed outside the shop while he crossed the road and sat in a steak-bar with a friend. Some time later, he said, he and his friend left the steak-bar, and as they passed Gindi's shop they saw two figures — one wearing a Purim mask and the other a blue balaclava hat which concealed his face — standing outside. Although he knew, of course, who the two figures were, Ben-Lulu claimed that he knew nothing about the murder until much later.

The police officer leading the investigation, Pakad Mordechai Ventura, asked the court to remand Ben-Lulu on suspicion of conspiring to commit a crime, and Nahmias on suspicion of actually committing the murder. The murder weapon, a pistol, was found a short distance from Gindi's shop, as was the Purim mask. The balaclava hat was found at Nahmias' home. (Itim)

Charges on fridges 'may be over-hasty'

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Consumers Council "may be acting too hastily" in accusing the country's two major refrigerator manufacturers of deliberately misleading customers. That was the view expressed to *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday by Adi Horovitz, secretary of the Israel Better Business Bureau.

(On Sunday, the Consumers Council filed suit in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, charging that buyers are being misled about the real cubic footage of the refrigerators by model numbers which suggest a greater capacity than is offered).

"The customer should certainly be informed of the actual volume of the refrigerator," Mr. Horovitz said. "But there is no hard and fast rule in the trade requiring a catalogue number to reflect the size of the box."

Mr. Horovitz showed me a directory published by AHAM — Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers — the world's largest trade association serving the domestic refrigeration industry. The directory lists hundreds of refrigerator models, giving their freezer volume, box volume and shelf area dimensions. In many cases, there was no connection whatsoever between the manufacturers' model number and the size of the refrigerator.

Mr. Horovitz, a long-time advocate of "truth-in-advertising," said work will soon be completed on a comprehensive refrigerator directory, similar to the AHAM publication. Work on such a cross-referenced catalogue was begun in 1973, but halted by the Yom Kippur War.

Such a directory will not only list the various models and their volume specifications, but also their respective power consumption figures. "The latter fact is more important than many consumers realize," Mr. Horovitz said. "Do you know that a frost-free refrigerator can use up to three times as much wattage as a conventional box?"

The Better Business Bureau secretary said the Consumers Council was also wrong when it accused certain firms last week of misleading buyers by claiming to absorb the recent 7.5 per cent purchase tax surcharge when no such surcharge was actually due on the merchandise already in the shops.

"The Council's charge, contained in large newspaper advertisements, would have been valid if it had specified that goods *in the shops* were exempt from the surcharge. But the new purchase tax is indeed being levied on every item as it leaves the plant. So, when a manufacturer today sells an item at the pre-February 25 price, the consumer can rest assured he is being spared the new tax surcharge."

The Better Business Bureau is a member organization of the Consumers Council.

Greetings and cash for B-G U.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The presidents of overseas associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev yesterday brought greetings — and in some cases money — as the fifth annual meeting of the Board of Governors opened here.

Harry T. Dozor of Philadelphia, of the American Associates, pledged $350,000 over the next five years to the university. Eric Flanders, the Canadian representative, reported 450 members in Toronto and Montreal. Dr. Berthold Wyler, of the Swiss group, brought a cheque for 30,000 Swiss francs. Prof. Richard Hentschke of Berlin reported on his group.

Marcel Bleustein-Blanchet, the French leader, will lay the cornerstone for the French house dormitory today. The Abrahams-Curie lecture hall will be inaugurated tomorrow by Dr. Martin Paisner, vice-president of the British Associates.

At the first session, opened by Dr. Alec Lerner, Board chairman, the purposes of the university were described by Prof. Moshe Prywes, president. Gideon Hausner, Minister without Portfolio, represented the Government.

Bomb in Nablus

NABLUS. — An explosive charge went off here Sunday night damaging a lorry used to transport workers across the green line. No one was injured.

The vehicle was parked in the centre of town, near the municipality. Security forces combed the area and held about 20 people for questioning.

In another incident, a fire broke out in the labour exchange in Dhahiriya, near Hebron, Sunday night, damaging office equipment. The authorities have not ruled out the possibility that the fire was started by terrorists.

Call for price cuts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut's trade union chief yesterday urged the Government to lower prices on basic commodities following the drop in their prices on the world market.

Uriel Abrahamowitz told a meeting of the Wood workers' Union that the Histadrut had followed a policy of restraint so as not to harm the workers' purchasing power.

When social workers are threatened

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The police and the Social Workers' Union have set up a joint committee to draft guidelines for police action when welfare workers are physically threatened by their clients. This move followed a recent meeting between the union and Police Inspector General Shaul Rosolio, the union said yesterday.

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'Planned protest led Cabinet to restore education funds'

By ERNIE MEYER Jerusalem Post Reporter

[Th]e Government decision to restore to the budget IL120m. for [schoo]l education was made because of the planned mass protest, (Lyova) Eliav MK (Alignment) said yesterday.

[He] was adressing a small crowd [of 200]-300 in Jerusalem's Menora [Club] who had come to demons[trate at a rally] called by the recently-formed [Public] Council for Social Better[ment]. Leaflets announcing the meet[ing w]ere headed "Where are the [...]n?", but the meeting was not [called] off despite the Cabinet's de[cision] to restore the cuts.

Israel Katz, coordinator of [the 19]73 Prime Minister's Report on [Under]privileged Youth, called on [the G]overnment to re-examine all [the] cuts connected with education [and s]ocial services. He said that [the u]nderprivileged had the same [...] as the manufacturers, whose [compla]ints about new taxes had led [to thei]r reduction.

Chaike Grossman, MK (Mapam), complained that the budget cuts hit the weak and that "by the time the fat get lean, the lean will die." Other speakers included Meir Pa'il MK (Moked), Eliahu Eliachar, president of the Jerusalem Sephardi community, Black Panther leader Shalom Cohen and the secretary of the National Association of Social Workers, Yitzhak Kadman.

After the meeting, a small group of demonstrators, led by Black Panthers carrying black flags, marched to Police Minister Shlomo Hillel's office at Beit Agron in Rehov Hillel. Mr. Hillel, who is chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Social Betterment, received a delegation.

Savoy attack was no deterrent

[MORE] PARTICIPANTS than ex[pected] have come to attend the [I]nternational conference being [held i]n Israel after the terrorist at[tack] on the Savoy Hotel in Tel [Aviv].

[Some fift]y five representatives from [...] countries — Britain, France, [...], Holland, the U.S., Sweden, [...], the Philippines and the [West] Indies — are attending the [Jayce]an Senators Meeting of the [Jayc]ees. The senators are mem[bers o]f the older group of the Ju[nior C]hambers of Commerce. There [are 2]0 JCs in Israel, of which 100 [are se]nators.

[Shortly] before the opening of the [confere]nce on Sunday night, the chairman of the organizing committee in Israel received a phone call from the delegation in Britain. He took the call with trepidation, fearing that the Savoy attack had led the British senators to cancel their trip. But his fears were groundless. "Could you please tell me," said the overseas caller, "whether or not we should bring tuxedos?"

The conference is sponsored by the Ministry of Trade and Commerce, with the participation of the Ministries of Tourism and Information. The participants will be addressed by Haim Bar-Lev, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Maj. Gen. (Res) Haim Herzog, and Mayor Kollek of Jerusalem.

Austrian Jews in new plea for compensation

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The more than 12,000 Austrian Jews living in Israel today who are refugees and survivors of the Anschluss today mark the 37th anniversary of that day with the renewed hope that the German, Austrian and Israel Governments will take steps to compensate them for their losses.

Dr. S. Schoenblum, chairman of the World Association of Former Austrian Jews, said yesterday that Dr. Nahum Goldmann, World Jewish Congress president, and successive Foreign Ministers, the first Moshe Sharett, were to blame for the failure to plead the case of compensation for Austrian Jews.

Dr. Schoenblum reported that in the wake of the Anschluss, the deaths of Jews by murder and suicide were higher in Austria than in Germany, that 60,000 Jewish homes were taken over by the Nazis, and that property worth much more than millions of German marks was seized.

Hillel Seidel, MK (ILP), has formed an inter-party committee in the Knesset to urge the Foreign Ministry to discuss the matter with the two governments.

The governments of Bonn and Vienna have over the years charged each other with the responsibility for compensating the victims. Successive Austrian governments have maintained that it also was the victim of Nazi aggression. The German arguments have been that Austria was the birthplace of Nazism, that a high percentage of Austrians had been party members and that an overwhelming majority of the population had welcomed the Anschluss.

Responding to a long-felt need for restyling of their hostesses' uniforms, El Al has designed a new range of colour coordinated clothes, with trouser suits as its main innovation. "We want the girls to keep on *looking* at themselves in the mirror," designer Ruth Wollenberg told Post Aviation Correspondent Ze'ev Schul.

The result: smarter jackets, fashionable cotton blouses and a variety of colour combinations, for air hostesses. The stewards will get broader lapels on their jackets and more width to their trouser legs. Ground crews, hostesses and Shalom service (individual attendants) are also getting new uniforms.

There is a snag to the new air hostesses' uniforms — a consensus of opinion among the seven members of the wardrobe committee (made up of five men and two women) ruled that the trousers would only be made up to size 40. So larger girls will have the choice of slimming, wearing a skirt — or resigning in protest. Presumably, no such ban on size was made for the men's trousers? The planes' aisles in the 707 and 720 Boeings are a neat fit for a size 60.

Ex-Habimah heads get jail, fines

TEL AVIV. — The District Court here yesterday passed sentence on three former directors of the Habimah National Theatre convicted last week of embezzling more than half a million pounds between 1962 and 1968.

Asher Sherf, 42, the former administrative director, received the main share of the money, some IL400,000 — and also the heaviest *sentence*. He was given six years in prison, three of them suspended, and was fined a total of IL94,000.

Avraham Ninio, 57, who was found guilty of embezzling IL94,000, was sentenced to three years in jail, with two of these suspended, and was fined IL43,000.

Bat-Ami Elyashiv, 63, embezzled IL188,000, and received a three-year suspended sentence and a IL80,500 fine.

The three sat quietly and white-faced in the crowded courthouse as Judge Dov Levin read out their sentences. He noted their contribution to the Habimah Theatre and the fact that they had in a sense fallen victim to the "distorted" wage system prevalent in Israel for many years. But at the same time, he stressed, they had been found guilty of grave abuses of the public's money and crimes including forgery. Consequently, he said, in passing judgement he had to take a firm stand without being overly harsh or vindictive.

The judge acceded to defence counsel's request to delay activating the sentences pending an appeal to the Supreme Court. Accordingly, Sherf was released on a IL250,000 bond, and Ninio, on a IL100,000 bond. *(Itim)*

24 MEMBERS of the UJA Young Leadership Mission from the U.S., here on a study tour, yesterday donated blood at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital.

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Most foods will be plentiful for Passover

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Except for tomatoes and onions, there will be enough vegetables, fruit and meat on the markets for the Passover holidays, Mr. Eitan Israeli, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, said yesterday.

Tomatoes are "not-in-season" at this time of the year, and secondly, some 400 dunams in the Arava, which would have supplied 100 tons, were damaged in the recent floods. The floods also washed away the onion patches in the Ein Yahav area in the Arava. However, the Ministry is planning to import 700 tons for the holidays.

Other vegetables, and *fruit*, are expected to be available at "reasonable prices."

There will also be plenty of chicken, both fresh (from about IL10 to IL13 a kilo) and frozen (at about IL7.50 a kilo) available, as well as turkey, beef, mutton and eggs.

The price of carp will be IL9 a kilo. Late shoppers might find inflated prices, says Mr. Israeli.

He said that the Ministry was continuing with its campaign to reduce prices, and one result had been to cut the commission between farmer, wholesaler and retailer.

[Bokhar]an immigrants in Jerusalem were entertained on Sunday by Yona Mordechai, who has been [dubb]ed as a "one-man Absorption Ministry." Jewish Agency chairman Pinhas Sapir (centre), and [his wi]fe Rivka also attended. On Mr. Sapir's left is the host. (Tova Weiss)

[H]omely welcome for the settler

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

[Whil]e Government leaders preach [the im]portance of making the new [immigr]ant feel at home, Israeli-born [buildin]g contractor Yona Mordechai [has do]ne it literally — hosting [...],000 *Bokharans and Geor[gians]* at his Jerusalem villa since [...].

[The] 36-year-old builder, with the [...]d assent of his wife Heph[zibah, h]as become a one-man Jew[ish A]gency Absorption Ministry, [...] *[L]andschaft* society and welcom[ing co]mmittee by giving people [who l]eft warm family circles and [thei]r ways of life" a feeling that [they h]ave come home to Israel.

[...] *not a beautiful flat or a [...]r or washing machine they* [...]" he told *The Jerusalem Post* [last w]eek at one of *his* parties. [...] who have all that are still [...]y here. It's the warm envi[ronmen]t and friendship — the so[cial ab]sorption — that make the [differen]ce."

A cornucopia of pungent Oriental food — cooked olives, *el urka* (meat fried in "fingers" of dough), *tehina* and peppery beef — was served to 150 Bokhara professionals from throughout Israel at the Mordechais' home on Sunday. Also attending were *a number of non-immigrants* and not-so-new immigrants, including Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Pinhas Sapir and his wife, Absorption Ministry officials and veteran settlers from Bokhara.

Between courses and for dessert was the rhythmic music of Bokharan performers: a black-suited man drumming on an oversized tambourine (which he heated over a gas burner between performances to "*get just* the *right tone*), his veiled, singing wife, and their accordion-playing soldier-son.

Mr. Mordechai — proud *of* his Georgian grandparents — and his wife, who boasts of her Bokharan ancestry, hold such parties for new and veteran immigrants every three months. "The drinking and singing and eating are just the beginning," he explained. "A banker sitting next to a newcomer at one party helped him out with a loan. I'm sometimes able to make a call and cut some troublesome red tape."

Mr. Mordechai was instrumental *in cooling tempers during the Ash*dod port disturbance in 1973 by talking to the Georgians, several of whom had been at his home for dinner a few days before.

Surprisingly, his luxurious home — some of the rooms are panelled, other have wallpaper with velvet designs — does not arouse envy among his "greenhorn" guests. "If veteran settlers do so well in Israel, despite their background, maybe *there* is a chance *for us*, too," noted a Bokharan engineer five months in the country.

Mr. Sapir, obviously enjoying himself but reticent to join in on the dancing, told the group: "Undoubtedly, the best absorption is accomplished by immigrants who know what it's like to have been absorbed themselves."

T.A. fire department has 'the goods,' not the men

By SARAH HONIG,
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The City's Fire Department has acquired new equipment worth IL7m., some of which is being introduced to Israel for the first time.

Tel Aviv fire chief Ya'acov Ritov told a press conference called here yesterday to mark the Fire Department's 50th Anniversary that some of the equipment had already been employed in rescue operations following the terrorist attack on the Savoy Hotel last week.

Among the new equipment is a huge crane capable of lifting 80 tons, which is expected to arrive at Ashdod Port tomorrow. According to Mr. Ritov, the new crane reach the 15th storey of high-rise buildings. The first of its kind in Israel, the crane is said to be highly mobile and cost the city over IL2m.

The City has ordered an even taller crane, costing IL3m., especially to rescue people trapped in buildings. It is expected to arrive by the end of 1975, and can reach the 17th floor of most buildings.

Also recently purchased were a forklift which can hoist some 10 tons and a heavy bulldozer, both of which had already been used in the aftermath of the Savoy Hotel tragedy.

But while the Tel Aviv Fire Department may soon be Israel's best equipped, like others in the country is still suffers from severe manpower shortage, Mr. Ritov said that his department should have no less than 350 firemen. It has only 90.

Another widespread problem, he noted, is the lack of any safety consciousness among the public and the fact that most plants and institutions are careless about essential precautions.

Mr. Ritov also told reporters that he will meet with Mayor Shlomo Lahat tomorrow to discuss the lessons to be learned from the Savoy attack. He said he will suggest that responsibility for rescue operations following a terrorist attack be delegated to a specific authority, so as to avoid a breakdown in coordination between the police, the Fire Department and other agencies.

Due to municipal belt-tightening, there will be few events to mark the Fire Department's 50th Anniversary. The single exception will be a festive parade on March 19 at the Municipality's parking lot.

Most Egged buses don't meet 'comfort standards'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 3,000 Leyland buses operated by Egged do not come up to international comfort standards, according to a study made by the Metal Institute of the Technion. The new, Scania buses, which are replacing the Leylands, are much *more comfortable*, because of their pneumatic suspension and "better *motors*," the *director* of the institute's vehicle and engine engineering laboratory, Eli Krasney, told a pres conference yesterday.

The study, supported by the Transport Ministry, has already resulted in the application of a number of the recommendations made to improve passenger comfort, Ministry officials said.

Mr. Nahamia Golan, of Egged's technical department, said that of the 3,200 buses operated by the co-operative, 3,000 are Leylands, 100 Mercedes and a 100 Scanias. The Scania has been chosen by Egged as the "bus to buy," and 100 more are already in the country, but not in use yet.

On the Leylands, the engines are being replaced by DAF motors, to make the vehicles more comfortable.

The Ministry men said that forced air ventilation, tinted windows and other improvements are being introduced on all Egged inter-urban buses.

Visiting group condemns UN stand on PLO

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The UN Association of New York has condemned the UN's recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization by the General Assembly as a factor which could have led to the terrorist raid in Tel Aviv last week.

In a joint statement by the UN Associations of Israel and New York, the two bodies sharply criticized the "legitimization" of the Palestinian terrorist groups.

The statement was released here on the occasion of the visit to Israel by a 24-member delegation representing the New York Association, headed by Dr. James H. Sheldon.

Referring to the "purported recognition" of the PLO by the UN, the statement said: "This action was contrary to the rules of the Charter and must gravely impair the future usefulness of the UN as an instrument of world peace."

This recognition of the PLO was undoubtedly one of the factors contributing to make possible the terrorist raid on a Tel Aviv hotel last week."

The delegation spent nine days in Israel and is due to return home today.

World geometricians meet in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An international conference on geometry was opened at Haifa University yesterday. Some 30 geometricians from the U.S., Canada, West Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and Israel — among them leading men in their field — are attending the meeting.

The honorary chairman of the conference is Prof. Walter Benz, of Hamburg, deputy president of the German Mathematical Society, and dean of the geometry department at Hamburg University.

Prof. Rafael Artzi, of Haifa University, organized the conference.

Extra flight to the Far East

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Air France, the first company to fly out of Israel to the Far East (1954) and for the time being also the only one, following the suspension of TWA flights a few weeks ago—is adding a third flight from next month.

A company spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that in view of "the brisk demand," the company's management has decided to introduce a flight on Thursday in addition to its present Tuesday and Saturday flights. The existing Israel flights take passengers via Teheran, New Delhi and Bangkok to Hongkong, with connecting flights from there to Japan as well as the Philippines and Australia.

The added Thursday flight will substitute Bombay for New Delhi and end at Saigon, with links to Japan, Indonesia and Australia. *Israel flights take passengers via 747s.*

T.A. bus station 'is too big,' official charges

The Tel Aviv District Commissioner yesterday charged the builders of the Tel Aviv central bus station with a serious breach of the building and planning laws.

The commissioner, David Reznik, said in a statement released yesterday, that the station encompassed 46,000 square metres more than the building permit had allowed. He called on the city's deputy mayor and the chairman of the municipal planning and building council to *investigate the matter*. Mr. Reznik said the city should take legal action against the offenders.

The original permit, he said, allowed for 180,000 square metres of building. The commissioner said the additional construction had been carried out without any application to the local or regional planning councils.

'Black Africa still wants friendship with Israel'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

[TEL A]VIV. — Black Africa has re[tained] a soft spot for Israel and [wants] to maintain good relations [with i]t, according to Yisrael Herz, [...] head of the international de[partme]nt of the Histadrut, back [from a] recent goodwill trip to six [countri]es in West Africa.

Mr. Herz visited Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Gambia, and he was told everywhere that the authorities were eager for Israel cooperation in building, and in developing their water and oil resources. On the whole, the local authorities realize it was a mistake on their part to sever diplomatic relations with Israel and public opinion reflects this, he said.

The Arabs, promised to keep oil prices low, but didn't. As for the promise to lend big money on low interest, it appears now that the implementation will have to wait several years, as the Arabs want first to build offices for the Arab-African Bank in all the interested countries. The PLO has failed in its attempt to set up official representations, but infiltrated their men into the staff of Arab missions and trade agencies. They also publish calumnious articles in the local press, "but the papers always receive a greater number of readers letters defending Israel," Mr. Herz said.

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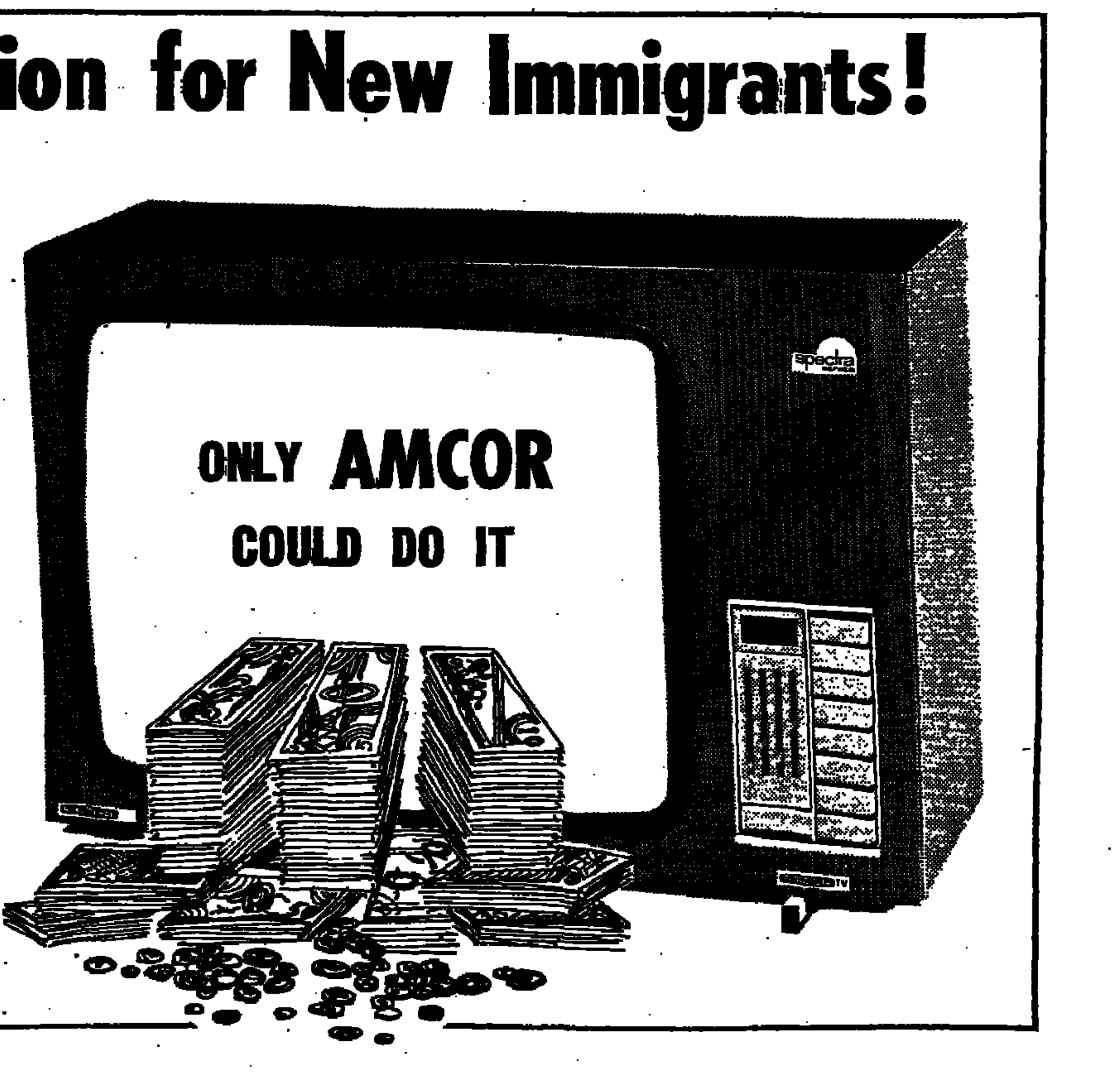

Market leaders meet in Dublin for final round on British status

DUBLIN (UPI). — The leaders of the nine European Common Market nations met in heavily-guarded Dublin Castle yesterday for the last round in Britain's battle to renegotiate its status within the Community.

All sources predicted agreement — if only because failure could lead to British withdrawal from the Common Market. Denmark has warned that if this happened, it, too, might have to quit.

"I am sure we will reach agreement during these two days," West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said as he arrived. But British Prime Minister Harold Wilson said only that it was "a nice day."

British officials said Wilson was optimistic that he can persuade his eight partners — particularly French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing — to agree to a satisfactory formula lowering Britain's contributions to the Common Market budget.

The officials said Wilson already was looking beyond the summit with greater anxiety to a referendum, scheduled for June, when British voters are to approve or reject the renegotiation and decide whether their nation stays in the Common Market or becomes the first to leave it.

It was the first major international meeting in Irish history. It also was the most heavily-guarded European summit ever held. Hundreds of police stood guard over Dublin Castle and frisked everyone who entered, except the summiteers themselves, with electronic detectors to prevent terrorism by the Irish Republican Army or others.

A second, lesser item in the renegotiation up for discussion here was Britain's demand that the Common Market guarantee import of New Zealand dairy products.

The summit also was scheduled to look at Europe's economic situation and discuss energy. But the major topic — and the only one likely to lead to a decision — was the British renegotiation issue, and the leaders, meeting in the Castle's St. Patrick's Hall, began their two-day summit by tackling the problem immediately.

The summit climaxed an off-again, on-again relationship between the Common Market and Wilson's Labour Party that had lasted for years.

When he was Prime Minister in the late 1960's, Wilson sought Common Market membership for Britain, but was blocked by a French veto. He was in opposition when the then Conservative Party Government finally took Britain into the nine-nation economic bloc in 1973, and his party formally opposed the entry terms as inadequate.

When Labour took power again last year, it began the process of "renegotiation," claiming that the entry terms presented an "unacceptable situation." Specifically, it demanded reforms in Common Market agriculture, economic union, trade policies, regional policies and budget.

Otherwise, it said, the government would recommend a "no" vote to the referendum.

In the 11 months since the renegotiation began, all other issues have been overtaken by events like the recession or by piecemeal reforms, leaving only the question of whether Britain, with its relatively bad economic situation, is paying too much into the Common Market budget.

All the other eight nations — including France, the last holdout — have agreed to this principle, but are haggling over the sum involved. The maximum amount is less than one-tenth of Britain's current annual trade deficit, but the principle is considered vital by all sides.

Wilson has said he will recommend a "yes" vote in the referendum if the terms he gets here are satisfactory, and the other eight nations were believed anxious to give him the appearance of a political victory, if only to end the renegotiation and, as "The Times" of London said, return to "the urgent issues which face the Community."

Schmidt, who is recovering from pneumonia, arrived wearing a blue sailor's hat and snugly wrapped in a heavy duffle coat.

The only leader absent from the opening was Danish Premier Anker Jorgensen, who stayed home for an important parliament vote last night. Danish officials said he would be here today.

Summit sources said an agreement on the British demands had been all but agreed earlier in private contacts between Schmidt, Wilson and Giscard and the "debate" here was largely a charade.

After a first statement of national positions, they said, the leaders will send the budget issue to a group of experts to work out a compromise. The experts were to work last night, then report back late today, in time for a formal agreement around the summit table.

Iraq launches major attack on Kurds, offers amnesty

GENEVA (AP). — The International Human Rights Federation reported yesterday that Iraqi forces have launched a large-scale offensive against Kurdish rebels in the wake of the agreement between Iran and Iraq to resolve their undeclared border war.

The federation's secretary-general, Jean Luthi, said Iran has closed its border with Iraq and cut off all supplies to the Kurds.

Luthi charged in messages to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim of the UN, the International Red Cross and Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the UN high commissioner for refugees, that the Kurds are threatened with genocide. He asked them to intervene.

The federation is a nongovernmental organization which has consultative status with the UN.

The Kurdish guerrillas headed by Mullah Mustafa Barzani have battled the Iraqi government for control of Northern Iraq for 40 years. Last year President Hassan el Bakr offered them limited self-rule but Barzani turned it down because the offer did not include control of the Kirkuk oil fields.

At the same time as launching its major offensive, Iraq also declared a general amnesty for Kurdish rebels who defect to the government by April 1, the Iraqi news agency reported yesterday.

The amnesty decree said all soldiers, policemen, government employees and workers, who had gone over to Barzani could join the nearest army or police position by April 1 without fear of punishment.

Iraq has declared amnesties before in the war with the rebels, but the latest — announced at the weekend — is the first since the Algiers agreement.

Bomb in parcel injures Beirut postal employee

BEIRUT (AP). — A booby-trapped parcel exploded in Beirut's central post office yesterday seriously injuring an employee, police announced.

Neither the origin of the parcel nor the addressee could be determined, because the employee handling it was still in a coma, hours after the explosion, police added.

However, investigators believed the parcel come from inside Lebanon since all overseas mail is electronically scanned. The electronic searches for hidden bombs in all mail from abroad began last year after a wave of mail-bombings aimed at Palestinian terrorist leaders, businessmen and politicians.

Brandt's former aide charged with treason

KARLSRUHE, West Germany (Reuter). — The West German federal attorney announced yesterday he has formally charged Guenter Guillaume, senior government official arrested as a spy last April, with treason and breach of official secrets.

Guillaume's 47-year-old wife, Christel, also was charged with treason and complicity in the breach of official secrets.

Guillaume was personal political assistant to ex-Chancellor Willy Brandt. His arrest led to a government crisis and Brandt's resignation.

In an official statement, Federal Attorney Siegfried Buback said: "There is adequate suspicion against both accused that they were infiltrated into West Germany as agents of the Ministry of State Security of East Germany in May, 1956, to carry out secret service activity."

Two California bombings 90 minutes apart

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — A pipe bomb exploded yesterday at the Del Monte Corp. headquarters here, only 90 minutes after another device exploded at a supermarket in nearby San Jose, police said.

Officers said no one was injured in either blast.

The first explosion, at 12:20 a.m., blew out most of the windows and did major structural damage to the supermarket, police said. Sgt. Jim Parker said the power of the blast indicated it "might have been something other than a pipe bomb."

San Jose police said they were seeking two men and a woman who fled in an automobile.

Police estimated damage to the Del Monte building in the San Francisco financial district at $2,000 to $3,000 when a pipe bomb exploded at 1:50 a.m. Officers said they recovered pieces of the bomb's clock mechanism.

'Pro-Zionist' singer barred from Tunisia

TUNIS (UPI). — A concert by French rock 'n' roll star Johnny Hallyday has been cancelled because of the singer's "pro-Zionist attitude," the newspaper "Biladi" said here yesterday.

Hallyday was due to appear with his wife, singer Sylvie Vartan, at a concert organized by a Tunisian sporting club.

Soldiers stand guard at the Setubal police headquarters in Portugal on Saturday, as an angry crowd demands punishment for police they blame for the killing of two persons in a political street battle. (AP radiophoto)

Portuguese Communist asks meeting of all parties

LISBON (Reuter). — Portuguese Communist party leader Alvaro Cunhal has called for an urgent reconciliation between Socialists and Communists and warned that the situation in the country might deteriorate quickly.

Dr. Cunhal described the present political situation as "a grave moment for Portugal's democratic revolution" and said the Communists were prepared to end their controversy with the Socialists and start cooperating with them.

He also called for a round-table conference between all three political parties in the provisional government coalition, the Communists, Socialists and the centre-left Popular Democratic Party (PPD).

In a speech to a Communist youth congress here on Sunday, Dr. Cunhal said there was a risk of rapid deterioration of the social and economic situation.

Portugal was witnessing "a provocative and reactionary campaign aiming at the rapid worsening of social and political conflicts, the disruption of economic life, the artificial creation of an atmosphere of violence, all tending to discredit the current democratic order and the possibility of bringing about a reactionary right-wing government," he said.

He called for the punishment of those responsible for the current wave of violence, but suggested that its "right-wing 'victims'" were deliberately provoking these attacks and even taking part in them.

Maldavian Prime Minister banished to remote isle

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP). — The 2,000 coral island republic of the Maldives in the Indian Ocean has switched to presidential rule, diplomatic sources here reported yesterday.

They said Maldavian Prime Minister Ahmed Zaki and his nephew Jaleel, the chief of protocol, have been removed from office and taken to a remote island.

Presidential rule has been imposed in the republic by President Amir Ibrahim Nasir, they said.

The bloodless coup was reported to have occurred last Thursday.

The British air force has a base on Gan island in Addu Atoll, the southernmost of the Maldives group.

Zaki was re-elected to a new term of office on February 22 and had a parliamentary majority of 36 to 16. Next month, a proposed constitutional amendment was due to come before Parliament calling for the abolition of the office of Prime Minister. Diplomatic sources here said they thought Zaki's removal was connected with this.

The Maldavian embassy here said yesterday everything was normal and visitors returning to Sri Lanka from the Maldives this weekend said everything appoared calm on the islands, only 220 of which are inhabited. Sources close to the embassy claimed Zaki's dismissal was constitutional.

The Sri Lanka air force which operates Air Maldives, the Maldivian national carrier flying between Sri Lanka and the islands, operated three weekend flights, taking about 120 holidaymakers to the islands and bringing back about 100.

Zaki became prime minister after an attempted coup against President Nasir nearl ytwo years ago. The coup was followed by the arrest and detention of 160 people.

The Maldives, lying about 640 kms. southwest of Sri Lanka, have a population of about 100,000, dependent mainly on fishing and a prosperous government-operated merchant marine.

In recent months, the islands have been boosting their tourist potential and receiving thousands of holidaymakers.

Swedes say Japanese terror target was Austrian Embassy

STOCKHOLM (UPI). — Two Japanese arrested on terrorist charges are suspected of having plotted an attack against the Austrian Embassy in Stockholm, security police said yesterday.

The two men were caught last week, photographing and sketching a building housing six embassies, and a police spokesman said it was later found out that they had also been taking pictures of the Austrian embassies in Oslo and Copenhagen.

"When we developed the more than 300 photos taken, we found that pictures of the Austrian embassies in the Scandinavian capitals were the common factor," the spokesman said.

Austrian Ambassador Karl Fisher said he and his assistants had been warned by security police.

"A representative for the security police called the embassy and told us to be careful. We have only limited possibilities to protect ourselves from terrorists but we trust the Swedish police," Fisher said.

Police are looking for another Japanese, believed to be the leader of the two already arrested. The three men, all in their twenties, are suspected of having connections with the Japanese terrorist Red Army.

All border stations have been alerted to prevent the escape of the one man still on the loose. The police spokesman said the two arrested have refused to give any explanation of their doings in Sweden or to why they were carrying fake passports and driving licences.

K tries to smooth ties with Turkey

ANKARA. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger met Turkish leaders last night to try to take the strain out of Turkish-American relations and give Cyprus peace efforts a new start.

The Secretary of State arrived here from Israel — interrupting his Middle East peace efforts for 24 hours — on the second leg of a new Cyprus initiative that started last Friday when he met Greek Foreign Minister Dimitrios Bitsios.

A senior American official travelling with him said Dr. Kissinger was looking for a new framework within which the suspended negotiations between the island's two communities could be restarted.

Dr. Kissinger was not expecting dramatic results from his talks here, the officials said. The Secretary of State opened his discussions with Foreign Minister Melih Esenbel within minutes of his arrival.

In a brief airport statement, Kissinger told reporters he had come to strengthen Washington's 30-year-old ties with Ankara and declared: "We will do our best to settle and discuss together all the complex issues that confront our two nations."

Relations between Turkey and the U.S. have soured since the February 5 U.S. congressional cutoff of military aid and arms sales to Turkey over Cyprus.

Turkish newspapers were taking the line that there should be "no concessions to Kissinger," and a Foreign Ministry spokesman reiterated that there was "no other solution (to the Cyprus problem) but a bi-regional federation."

(Reuter, UPI)

Ex-CIA ... says Osw... was inno...

WASHINGTON. — A ... tral Intelligence Agency asserted yesterday that ... detection technique has ... Lee Harvey Oswald was ... truth in 1963 when he de... President Kennedy.

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French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, visiting in th... African Republic, is greeted in the capital, Bangui, by Act... Minister Elizabeth Domitien, the first African woman to ... post. Between them is the republic's president, General ... Bokassa. (AP)

CABINET — Carla Anderson Hills was sworn in as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development yesterday at ceremonies attended by President Ford, who said restoring health to the housing market "is imperative." Mrs. Hills is the third woman ever to serve in a U.S. cabinet post.

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Length and conditions of course: The course will last 5 months, and will take the form of individual retraining at the Ourdan plant, Netanya. Participants will receive a living allowance for themselves and their families during the course, in accordance with scales established at the beginning of the course for each participant by the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption. Those completing the course will be given positions in the Ourdan plant, at a salary in line with the Ourdan scale, including all additions appropriate to shift workers. It is intended to start the course in April 1975.

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Duration of course and conditions: The course will last 4 months and will be held at the Centre for Retraining of Academics, Ramat Gan, 14 Rehov Ma'aleh Hatzofim. Studies will be held Sunday — Thursday (nonresidential). It is planned to open the course in March 1975. Participants in the course will receive a maintenance grant for themselves and their families, in accordance with a scale that will be established at the start of the course by a representative of the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption. Graduates of the course will receive a starting salary corresponding to grade Bet on the bank worker's scale.

Acceptance conditions: The course is intended for academics and "pre-academics," immigrants and temporary residents who have been in Israel less than 3 years, and have found difficulty in obtaining work in their profession. Candidates will take an entrance examination and go before a selection committee. Only academics and "pre-academics" registered with the employment agencies will be considered for the course. Academics must obtain a letter of direction from the Centre for the Employment of Academics; "pre-academics" must obtain a direction letter from the area employment exchange.

Additional information can be obtained from:

Mr. Zvi Bassey, Department for the Retraining of Academics, Ministry of Labour, Hakirya, Jerusalem, Tel. 61141/281.

Mr. Joseph Tsur, Centre for Academic Retraining: 14 Rehov Ma'aleh Hatzofim, Ramat Gan, Tel. 723956.

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Beersheba, Rassco Building, Tel. 77065.

In addition, questionnaires and explanations may be obtained from absorption officers and regional offices of the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption.

Russian Compound proposed as site of new Jerusalem Civic Centre

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A century after the Russian Compound in Jerusalem was purchased by the Czarist government as a foothold in the Middle East, hearings began yesterday on a proposal to give the Compound new political meaning — this time as a civic centre linking the Jewish and Arab quarters of Jerusalem.

The plan for the centre was outlined to the Planning Sub-committee by architect Alfred Mansfeld, designer of the Israel Museum and winner of the Israel Prize for Architecture. The committee is not being asked at this stage to approve the entire project but only a new City Hall which would constitute half the floor space in the centre. To be considered later are plans for a five-dunam plazza and buildings containing government offices, restaurants and shops.

The 77-dunam site was chosen by the Municipality because of its location near the Old City and its ready access from both Jewish and Arab neighbourhoods. Several other proposed sites in West Jerusalem, including the Binyanai Ha'ooma area, the intersection of Herzl and Ruppin, and the present site of the Hotel Plaza on King George, have been previously rejected.

The proposed City Hall, ranging in height from six to eight storeys, would incorporate municipal offices presently scattered over 24 locations. An official estimated yesterday that it would take eight to 10 years to complete the first stage of the project containing 25,000 of the proposed 40,000-square-metres of floor space — even if there are no delays. No target date was given for completion of the centre.

City Manager Ronnie Feinstein told the Planning Sub-committee that the IL75m. cost of the first stage could be met by selling the offices, presently owned by the Municipality. But implementation of the project, he said, depended on the economy when the detailed plans are completed and licenses approved in about 18 months.

Although Mansfeld had wanted a 14-storey building, in order to provide a visual focal point, the Municipal Planning Department limited the height to eight storeys in keeping with the high-rise building policy adopted for the city centre. However, the architect has proposed adding a free-standing observation tower 120 metres high, the equivalent of a 40-storey building. It would, he suggested, constitute "a 20th-Century minaret." This and other aspects will be discussed by the committee at a subsequent meeting.

The present City Hall on the eastern fringe of the Compound was built in 1930 and has for a long time held only a fraction of the municipal offices. In 1960, the then mayor, Mordecai Ish-Shalom, appointed a committee to find a new site. After several were suggested and discarded, the present site of the Plaza Hotel was chosen and an architectural competition launched. Prof. Mansfeld's design was chosen from 52 entries. When Teddy Kollek was elected mayor in 1965, however, he killed the project, contending that the site of the present building on the border between the two halves of the city was a more appropriate place for City Hall. Following the Six-Day War, the Municipality asked Prof. Mansfeld to draw up a plan for the Russian Compound in which City Hall would be part of a civic centre. Several proposals by Prof. Mansfeld for a high-rise building, including one for a 30-storey building, were rejected by the Municipal Planning Department.

The Compound today is the largest parking area in the centre of the city — some 300-400 cars parking at one time free of charge. In the Mansfeld plan, underground parking lots will provide 800 spaces in the first stage and eventually 2,000. Most of the buildings in the walled Compound are to be destroyed, including the present police station. The Russian Orthodox Church in the centre will be preserved along with the building presently serving as a courthouse and the gallows room where members of the Jewish underground were hanged by the British. Shivtai Yisrael and Helena Hamalka streets, narrow roadways abutting the Compound, are to be widened.

The Compound area was acquired by the Russian Government in 1860 and offered accommodation for up to 1,000 pilgrims as well as a hospital, the church and consular facilities. The buildings provided office space for the British Mandatory authorities who fortified the Compound — which was dubbed Bevingrad — against attacks in the last days of the Mandate.

In the 1960s, the Israeli Government purchased most of the Compound from the Russians, paying for it mainly with oranges. Moscow, however, did not sell the church, the courthouse building and another small piece of property near the southern entrance. The New York-based "White Russian" Church claims ownership of the entire Compound and is fighting the sale by Moscow in the Israeli courts, asserting that the "Red Russians" never owned the property.

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CIA planned to have Mafia kill Castro

W YORK (AP).—The late Sena- Robert Kennedy blocked a Central lligence Agency (CIA) plan for Mafia to assassinate Cuban mier Fidel Castro, "The New k Times" yesterday reported two he late senator's aides as saying, owing a flurry of reports con- ing CIA assassination attempts. he CIA-Mafia anti-Castro link was reported Sunday by "Time" ch said the CIA was involved in s against the late Rafael Tru- of the Dominican Republic and late Francois Duvalier of Haiti. oth the "Washington Post" and mnist Jack Anderson had pre- sly connected the CIA with as- nation plots against Castro. The st" also had reported a CIA nection with the Trujillo plot. The Times" said the alleged CIA- i plot was unofficially dis- ed to the newspaper in 1973 by n Walinsky and Peter Edelman, former Kennedy aides, and that week they gave permission to ibute the story to them. Ac- ling to "The Times," Walinsky ted Kennedy as saying he learn- of the CIA-Mafia link during a ate committee investigation.

He was out in Las Vegas," Wa- ky told "The Times," "and a ster told him 'You can't touch I've got immunity.' He said: o gave you immunity?' and the ster said, 'CIA.' He went back checked, and sure enough it true. They had made a deal this guy."

e "Time" report said "reliable ces" indicated that the CIA en- d the help of gangsters to poi- or shoot Castro or kill him with ted explosives before and af- the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion. ne" said they cooperated with CIA because Castro had just d their lucrative gambling ca- s in Havana.

nother report on CIA activities came in a television interview aired in Mexico Sunday, when former Costa Rican president Jose Figueres said he aided the CIA in an attempt to overthrow Trujillo, but he would not elaborate.

Asked specifically if he had anything to do with Trujillo's assassination in 1961, Figueres responded: "I don't want to be more explicit because it would not help anybody.".

In its report, "Time" said several sources insist that the guns used to kill Trujillo were smuggled into the Dominican Republic by CIA operatives. One source said the CIA thought Trujillo "was getting too friendly with the Communists."

007 producer could use Bond to solve theft

IVER, England (AP). — Daring thieves got away with a treasure hoard after penetrating the fortress-like home of the man who put super-spy James Bond on the screen, police said yesterday.

The raiders — who could have stepped straight out of one of Bond's 007 adventures — avoided an electrical fence and cut through a second wire-loop stockade. They dodged patrolling guards with three German shepherd dogs at the house in Iver 48 kms. west of London, home of producer Harry Saltzman.

They then delicately lifted out a window pane without setting off the sensitive and expensive burglar alarm system.

The raiders stole jade and silver Saltzman had collected over 20 years. Police did not say how much the loot was worth.

IRA suspects flee through window of courthouse

BELFAST (UPI). — Twelve suspected members of the Irish Republican Army wriggled through a basement window in a rural courthouse yesterday and escaped moments before they were to appear on charges including jail breaking.

Police quickly recaptured two of the men, but their search for the others was hampered by a protest demonstration in the area by local farmers.

The mass breakout took place at the courthouse in Newry, 55 kms. south of Belfast. The prisoners apparently used acid to cut through bars on the window of a toilet adjoining the basement cell where they were awiting their court appearance.

Once through the tiny window they climbed a six-metre high security fence and walked away.

Six members of the group were to appear later yesterday morning on charges of participating late last year in an attempted mass breakout from Maze Prison, the detention camp south of Belfast where the British Government holds suspected extremists without trial.

The Maze was virtually destroyed October 16 by rioting prisoners, most of whom were IRA suspects.

The other six escapees were appearing on a variety of violence related offences.

Farmers protesting in the area of the downtown courthouse interfered with the police search. Hundreds of persons were milling around on sidewalks when the prisoners made their escape.

President Ephraim Katzir, no stranger to the academic scene, receives an honorary doctor of science degree at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. on Sunday. Conferring it are Chancellor Abram Sachar, left and Jacob Hiatt, chairman of the board. (AP radiophoto)

Bhutto denies Pakistan granting bases to U.S.

ISLAMABAD (AP). — Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto denied yesterday that Pakistan agreed to grant the U.S. military bases in exchange for the recently lifted American embargo on the sale of military equipment to this country.

He told a news conference "Pakistan has not agreed to give any bases to any country on our territory."

"I want to make it abundantly clear that the inspired stories that have appeared in the foreign press that Pakistan has agreed to give military bases to the U.S., are utterly baseless."

"In the past," he continued, "Pakistan suffered the consequences of giving a base to a foreign country and we do not want to suffer again in future."

He was apparently referring to the Badaber communications base operated by the U.S. near Peshawar. The base was closed down several years ago.

Bhutto said that when the U.S. lifted the embargo on arms sales to Pakistan last month, Washington was only ending the anomaly of denying arms to its ally, Pakistan. It did not require "any *quid pro quo*".

He said Pakistan will remain a member of the Central Treaty Organization (Cento) and will not quit, as was promised in the original election manifesto of his Pakistan Peoples Party published before the 1970 general elections in which the party gained a majority in the National Assembly.

He said his reasons for not leaving Cento are:

- Pakistan has been split, as a result of the breaking away of East Pakistan — now Bangladesh.
- India and the Soviet Union entered into a military supplies agreement in August 1971, under which New Delhi is receiving a great quantity of Soviet military equipment.
- Pakistan's Cento partners — Turkey and Iran — have appealed to Islamabad not to leave the organization."

He said Pakistan's participation in Cento "is not directed against any country."

Bhutto said he has written to Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi asking her to resolve the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in the framework of the Simla agreement. This provides for normalization of relations between the two countries following their 1971 war over Bangladesh.

He said New Delhi's decision to instal Sheikh Abdulla as chief minister of Indian-administered Kashmir does not solve the problem.

Ben Blue, vaudeville comedian, dies

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Poker-faced comedian Ben Blue died on Friday following a lengthy illness, Westlake Hospital officials said on Saturday. The cause of death was not released. He was 73.

The rubber-legged comedian, who started his career in vaudeville, appeared in several films. Blue was born Ben Bernstein in Montreal. He once said he adopted his stage name to fit the blue lights of the marquee of vaudeville's famed Palace Theatre.

Tank-led assault on South Vietnam city

A tank-led Communist assault force blasted its way into the big Central Highlands town of Ban Me Thuot yesterday in a battle which could have vital consequences for South Vietnam. Across the border in Cambodia insurgents fired more than 50 rockets into Phnom Penh's airfield, the capital's only link with the outside world. One transport plane was destroyed, another damaged, five persons killed and 22 wounded, military sources said.

Observers in Saigon said the big Communist drive for the important town of Ban Me Thuot could have serious implications not only for the strategic balance, but for President Nguyen Van Thieu's efforts to maintain confidence in his conduct of the war. Military officials said North Vietnamese have also overrun the district town of Duc Lap along the Cambodian, 50 km. southwest of Ban Me Thuot border, after blasting it with 10,000 rounds of artillery. It was the 13th South Vietnamese district capital to fall since the 1973 Paris cease-fire agreement was signed and the second to be overrun in the past three days.

Fighting in Ban Me Thuot was reported ranging from house to house and roof-top to roof-top.

The city of some 80,000 people is about 250 km. northeast of Saigon and the largest South Vietnamese centre to come under attack since the peace agreements were signed.

UPI reported that the Communists have seized the city's military command post in hand-to-hand fighting, surrounded the city's two airfields and blown up the town's main ammunition dump.

One district town on the road to Pleiku and Koutum further north fell on Saturday and another to the southwest of Ban Me Thuot came under heavy fire on Sunday.

Ban Me Thuot, Kontum and Pleiku, together with Duc Lap, fit into a north-south corridor parallel to the Cambodian border. Military analysts in Saigon have long said the Communists want to establish a north-south supply route through the area. Some see the asault as part of a broader strategy of cutting the country in two.

The attack on Ban Me Thuot coincided with outbreaks of fighting at other points across the country, the Saigon Command said.

Government troops have suffered more than 200 casualties in two days of fighting some 25 km. southeast of the key northern city of Hue, reliable sources said, and fighting was also reported in three hamlet headquarters around Hoc Mon, within 20 km. of Saigon.

Fighting raged around the surrounded Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh yesterday as an insurgent rocket destroyed a DC-3 transport aircraft at nearby Pochentong Airport. The pilot of the plane was among those wounded in the rocket attack as planes continued a daily airlift of food, fuel and ammunition into the capital.

An evacuation flight was also arranged for today with a giant C-130 Hercules transport flying in from Singapore to take out 20 British nationals and a number of Australians, New Zealanders, Malaysians and Singaporeans from the beleaguered capital.

The British Embassy has advised all its nationals to leave Phnom Penh.

As rockets slammed into the airport and the southern part of the capital, insurgents launched probing attacks on Phnom Penh's northern defence perimetre.

In Washington, U.S. Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott called on Cambodian President Lon Nol to resign in favour of a transitional regime which could negotiate a truce and a new government with insurgent Communist forces.

(Reuter, AP, UPI)

'Newsweek': Sithole arrest steps up terror in Rhodesia

NEW YORK (AP). — The Rhodesian Government's arrest of black leader Reverend Ndabaningo Sithole has increased guerrilla attacks on whites in the country, heavily damaged black-white rapprochement in Southern Africa and disturbed the white Government of the Republic of South Africa.

"Newsweek" Sunday offered the assessment of recent developments in the break-away British colony, reporting the suspicions of critics that Rhodesia's white Premier, Ian Smith, probably planned it that way. It added: "If the collapse of a black-white dialogue was what Smith wanted, he seemed to have succeeded admirably." It quoted a black legal scholar: "Smith has thrown the match into the petrol tank."

The internationally-circulated news weekly added that South Africa, which had preceded the Rhodesian regime toward the conference table in the first place, maintained a tight-lipped silence about Smith's surprise move. It reported that sources close to Prime Minister John Vorster said he was "very concerned."

"Recently Vorster has begun to construct a fragile detente with his black neighbours, and one of his peace offerings has been a possible settlement between the Rhodesian regime and its dissident blacks," the weekly said.

"In the wake of Sithole's arrest last week, Vorster disaptched his Foreign Secretary to Zambia for talks with President Kenneth Kaunda, one of the most moderate of Africa's black rulers. Despite that gesture Vorster's detente was badly off the track. Kaunda warned both Vorster and Ian Smith: "If the road to peaceful change in Southern Africa is closed, Zambia and the rest of Africa will have no choice but to support the armed struggle by liberation movements to eliminate injustice, racial discrimination and oppression."

"As John Vorster well knew, that could bring Rhodesia's guerrilla war to his own doorstep," "Newsweek" concluded.

The "Rand Daily Mail" reported yesterday that South African paramilitary forces have been withdrawn from all forward combat positions in Rhodesia. The newspaper said the pullback was ordered in an effort to reduce tension in the area and spur efforts towards a peaceful settlement in Rhodesia.

South Africa has an estimated 2,000 police in Rhodesia assisting Rhodesian forces in their two-year hit-and-run war with African nationalist guerrillas.

...is dog looks on, U.S. President Gerald Ford takes an unexpected plunge into the pool at Camp David, ...yland, helped by a push from the First Lady. The photo, taken last fall, is from a book by photo- ...her Fred Ward. (AP radiophoto)

ORTS ABROAD — BERNIE BERNIKER

Everton footballers stay on top of English League

...ERTON STAYED on top of the ...gish League Division I with a victory over Queens Park Ran- ...on Saturday.

...other games, Burnley remain- ...second spot with a 1-1 draw Liverpool before a crowd of ...2 at Burnley. Ray Hankin ...d for Burnley and Terry ...ermott equalized it for Liver- Derby moved into third spot ...eter Daniel and Alan Hinton ...d two goals within four mi- ...at Chelsea. Final score was

...effield United beat Wolver- ...pton 1-0 on a goal by defender ...e Colquhoun. Luton Town's ...ces of avoiding relegation vir- ...y disappeared with a 3-1 defeat ...st Coventry City. Leicester ...oved its chances of staying up ...eating Manchester City 1-0. ...anchester United beat Bolton ...with a goal from Stuart Pearson to open up a five point gap at the top of the second division. Sunderland stayed in second spot after a fiery goalless draw against third-place Norwich City.

English League soccer standings after Saturday's games:

FIRST DIVISION

	GP	W	D	GF	GA	Pts.
Everton	33	14	14	48	29	42
Burnely	33	16	8	56	46	40
Derby	33	16	8	49	43	38
Liverpool	32	14	9	45	34	37
Stoke	33	13	11	48	38	37
Sheffield United	33	14	8	42	42	36
Manchester City	33	14	8	44	44	36
Ipswich	33	17	2	45	30	36
Leeds	33	14	8	45	34	36
Middlesbrough	33	12	11	40	33	35
QPR	33	13	8	44	42	34
Newcastle	31	14	6	43	47	34
West Ham	33	11	11	48	41	33
Coventry	33	10	13	44	61	33
Wolverhampton	33	10	10	39	40	30
Birmingham	33	11	6	40	48	28
Chelsea	32	6	13	37	54	28
Arsenal	30	9	7	33	36	25
Tottenham	33	8	8	38	51	24
Leicester	31	8	8	29	44	24
Luton	32	5	10	28	48	20
Carlisle	32	8	3	30	45	19

SECOND DIVISION

Manchester United	33	20	6	50	23	46
Sunderland	33	15	11	53	28	41
Aston Villa	32	16	8	50	28	40
Norwich	32	14	11	43	29	39
Blackpool	33	13	13	34	23	38
Bristol City	32	15	7	35	24	37

BASKETBALL

THE ISRAELI SABRAS won their eighth European Professional Basketball League game in a row on Saturday night, defeating the Munich Eagles 98-95.

Joe Depre led the Sabra scorers with 22 points and was assisted by Henry Dickerson with 18 points. High scorer for the Eagles was Joe Hamilton with 25 points, followed by Clyde Turner with 19.

The Sabras led 48-39 at halftime but were down 71-74 at the end of the third quarter.

The win gave the Sabras a season record of 14-7 and dropped the Eagles to 7-13.

OLYMPICS

DESPITE PRESSURE to come up with additional money-making schemes to offset a projected $200m. deficit, an air of confidence has settled over Montreal's 1976 Olympic organizers after four stormy months of controversy and doubt.

Employees who two months ago indulged in gallows humour and scanned the help wanted ads, now scurry around the spacious offices of the Olympic organizing committee preparing for "our games."

Officials who used to duck into their offices when a reporter approached now schedule interviews.

The renewed confidence is due mainly to activity at the Olympic stadium complex site where construction is barreling ahead after a two-month-long strike that began in November and placed the games in jeopardy.

The completion date on the $380m.-complex is May, 1976.

Progress on the stadium has taken pressure off the organizing committee and the city of Montreal from the provincial government and the International Olympic Committee.

DAVIS CUP

THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT announced last Thursday night it had refused to grant visas to the South African Davis Cup tennis team that was to play against Mexico next month in Mexico City.

The refusal was a protest against South Africa's apartheid policy by the Mexican Government, which broke off diplomatic relations for that reason.

A ministry spokesman said it would not interfere if the Mexican Tennis Federation wanted to play the elimination round, scheduled on April 4-6, outside the country.

The two teams were paired after Mexico beat the U.S. last month to win the North American Zone title. Last year the South Africans won the Davis Cup when India refused to play against them in the finals to protest against apartheid.

BOXING

JIMMY YOUNG has been named to replace Oscar Bonavena against Ken Norton on March 24 in the first half of a boxing doubleheader to include the Muhammad Ali-Chuck Wepner heavyweight championship fight.

Promoter Don King gave up on Bonavena, the Argentine boxer who withdrew from the match for known reasons, and decided on Young.

The Young-Norton match, scheduled for 10 rounds, will be at the Capital Arena in Landover, Maryland. The Ali-Wepner fight from Richfield, Ohio, will follow.

HOCKEY

THE BUFFALO SABRES continue to be the surprise of the U.S. National Hockey League. In 64 games Buffalo has lost only 12 and is leading the Boston Bruins by 12 points in the Division 4 race. Their 91 points are also the most points scored by any team in the NHL.

NHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Division 1						
Philadelphia	38	17	9	85	217	147
NY Rangers	31	20	13	75	261	214
NY Islanders	27	21	16	70	211	171
Atlanta	26	24	13	65	181	179
Division 2						
Vancouver	31	26	6	68	211	195
Chicago	30	28	7	67	214	198
St. Louis	24	27	12	60	206	217
Minnesota	18	38	6	42	173	265
Kansas City	14	42	8	36	148	259
Division 3						
Montreal	37	11	16	90	306	186
Los Angeles	35	12	16	86	218	138
Pittsburgh	29	22	13	71	257	228
Detroit	13	36	10	46	195	285
Washington	6	55	5	17	145	351
Division 4						
Buffalo	39	12	13	91	279	191
Boston	34	19	11	79	286	200
Toronto	25	29	11	61	225	250
California	16	39	11	43	174	253

NHL SCORING

	G	A	Pts
Esposito, Boston	54	57	111
Orr, Boston	36	75	111
Lafleur, Montreal	44	52	96
Ditonne, Detroit	37	58	95
Mahovlich, Mont.	28	63	91
Robert, Buffalo	37	51	88
Clarke, Phila.	18	65	83
Gilbert, Rangers	33	48	81
Martin, Buffalo	40	37	77
Perreault, Buffalo	30	46	76

WHA SCORING

	G	A	Pts
Hull, Winn.	52	45	97
Lacroix, S.D.	28	69	97
S. Bernier, Que.	41	49	90
Lund, Houston	28	53	81
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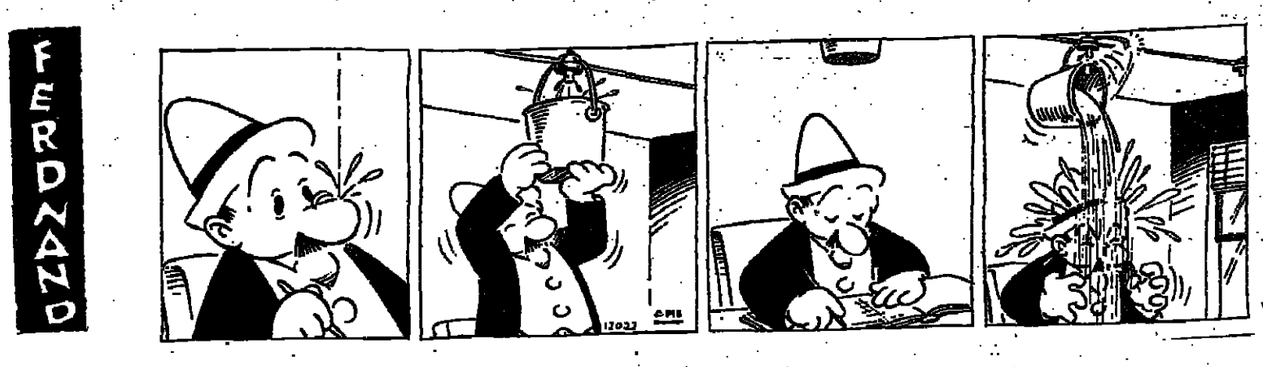
DEPARTURES: El Al 133 to Nairobi and Johannesburg, 0155; El Al 839 to Amsterdam and N.Y., 0500; TWA 811 to Rome, Paris and Boston, 0530; Swissair 331 to Zurich, 0700; El Al 439 to Zurich and Amsterdam, 0720; CPA 241 to Athens, Amsterdam, Montreal and Toronto, 0730; El Al 437 to Rome and Paris, 0740; El Al 001 to N.Y., 0800; KLM 526 to Amsterdam, 0810; Air France 133 to Lyons and Paris, 0850; El Al 435 to London 0900; TWA 881 to Athens and to London, 0925; El Al 409 to Athens, 0920; BA 485 to London, 0925; El Al 357 to Frankfurt, 1000; Sabena 202 to Brussels, 1010; Cyprus Airways 303 to Larnaca, 1055; Alitalia 739 to Rome, 1425; Lufthansa 633 to Munich and Frankfurt 1615; Austrian 714 to Vienna, 1700; Air France 192 to Teheran, Bombay, Bangkok, Saigon and Hong Kong, 1730; El Al 521 to Nicosia, 1900; Tarom 246 to Bucharest, 1920.



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JERUSALEM

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HEBREW UNIVERSITY, tours in English at 9 and 11 a.m. from Administration Building, Givat Ram Campus. Mount Scopus tours 11.30 a.m. from Truman Building. Further details: Tel. 35430.

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AT THE KHAN THEATRE (opposite the Railway Station). A folklore evening for tourists with Inbal dance group; every Wednesday at 9 p.m.

Rubin Academy of Music, Jerusalem Thursday, March 13, 1975, at 8 p.m., at the Jerusalem Khan: In Song, Music and Dance, performed by the Academy Chamber Choir, directed by Stanley Sperber; The Jerusalem Modern Dance Troupe, directed by Hasia Levy Agron, with Eli Onara Lvov (piano) and Dvora Goshansky (percussion).

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TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV MUSEUM, Sderot Shaul Hamelech. Visiting hours: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 a.m.-3.00 p.m. Tuesday: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4-10 p.m. Saturday: 7-11 p.m. **EXHIBITIONS:** "ALCOA" Collection of Contemporary Art comprising works created by international artists between 1949 and 1970. GEORGES ROUAULT (1871-1958). Zacks Hall. GRAPHIC ART IN FINLAND. Lecture Tonight, at 8.30 p.m., a lecture will be given *(in Hebrew) on the Rouault exhibition.*
ISRAELI ART (Meyerhoff Hall). IMPRESSIONISM (Jaglom Hall) SURREALISM. POST CUBISM (Hall No. 3). KINETIC ART (Haft Hall). PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION. **HELENA RUBINSTEIN PAVILION** (6 Rehov Tarsat) DAVID BEN-GURION 1886-1974. Today last day, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
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MUSEUM OF ANTIQUITIES OF TEL AVIV-YAFO, 10 Rehov Mifratz Shlomo. Open as above.
MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF TEL AVIV-YAFO, 27 Rehov Bialik. Open as above but closed Saturday.
HA'ARETZ MUSEUM, Tel Aviv Museum Centre, Ramat Aviv: (1) Glass Museum; (2) Kadmon Numismatic Museum; (3) Pottery Exhibition by Israel Banker at the Ceramics Museum; (4) Museum of Science and Technology; (5) Museum of Ethnography and Folklore; (6) Alphabet Museum; (7) Nechushtan Pavilion; (8) Tel-Qasile Excavations; Open: Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri. 9.00 a.m.-1 p.m., Sat. 10.00 a.m.-2 p.m., entrance free on Saturdays.
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CINEMAS

JERUSALEM
4, 7, 9 p.m.

ARNON: She'll Follow You Anywhere. **CHEN:** Nightmare Honeymoon. **EDEN:** Spasmo. **EDISON:** Soyguncular. **MITCHELL:** Whoring for the Empire. **ORGIL:** La Montarde me Monte au Nez. **ORION:** High Crime. **RON:** The Conversation. **HABIKAH:** The Candy Snatchers, 7, 9, p.m. **JERUSALEM:** Cabaret, 4.00, 8.30 p.m. **ORNA:** The Bridge on the River Kwai, 6.45, 9.00 p.m. **SEMADAR:** Women in Love.

TEL AVIV
4.30, 7.15, 9.30 p.m.

ALLENBY: The Great Gatsby. **BEN YEHUDA:** Freebie and the Bean. **CINEMA ONE:** Stacey. **ESTHER:** La Moutarde me Monte au Nez. **CHEN:** Anthony and Cleopatra. **GAT:** Crazy Sex. **GORDON:** The Martyr. **HOD:** Savage. **LIMOR:** The Gold Rush. **PEER:** The Prisoner of Second Avenue. **OPHIR:** Airport 1975. **TCHELET:** W.R. — The Mysteries of the Organism. **ORLY:** Angela. **ZAFON:** Les Violon du Bal. **TEL AVIV:** White Fang. **MAXIM:** Berzallino and Company. **CINEMA TWO:** Streetcar Named Desire, 11.00, 1.15, 3.45, 5.45, 8.00, 10.00. **CINERAMA:** Act of Vengeance. 7.15, 9.30 p.m. **DEKEL:** California Split. **RAMAT AVIV:** American Graffiti. **PARIS:** L'Amour d'aprèsmidi, 10.00, 12.00, 2.00, 4.00, 7.15, 9.30 p.m. **DRIVE-IN:** Dancing Masters, at 7.00 p.m. What am I doing in the Middle of a Revolution, at 9.30 p.m. **MOGRABI:** Chinatown, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30 p.m. **STUDIO:** Murder on the Orient Express.

HAIFA

MORIAH: Valley of the Dolls. **ARMON:** The Internecine Project. **ORION:** Man Beyond the Horizon. **BEIT ROTHSCHILD:** Sun. Long Day's Journey into Night; Mon. Repulsion; Tue. The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari; Wed. The Dybbuk; Thur. Mrs. Warren's Profession. **CHEN:** Airport 1975. **MIRON:** L'initiation. **AMPHITHEATRE:** Park of Love. **ORAH:** 11 Harrowhouse. **ORDAN:** Return to Peyton Place. **ATZMON:** The Klansman. **ORLY:** Walking Tall. **PEER:** Crazy Sex. **RON:** Verdict. **SHAVIT:** Marseilles Contract.

HERZLIYA

TIFERET: The Parallax View. **DAVID:** Il n'y a pas de fumee sans feu.

RAMAT GAN

ARMON: Sleeper. **HADAR:** Gold. **LILI:** For Pete's Sake. **ORDEA:** The Odessa File. **RAMA:** Last Decameron. **OASIS:** Mr. Hercules Against Karate. **RAMAT GAN:** Our Time.

PETAH TIKVA

SHALOM: The Widow Couder.

NETANYA

ESTHER: Les Temptations de Marianne.

ON THE AIR

HEBREW NEWS AND NEWSREELS
1st Programme: News: 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight.
Newsreels: 7.05 p.m.
2nd Programme: 8.05 a.m., 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight and 1.00 a.m.
Newsreels: 7.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m.
Galei Zahal: News: 8.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight, 1.00 a.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00 and 5.00 a.m.
Newsreels: 8.05 a.m., 5.05 p.m. and 12.05 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 322 and 221 M.
7.58 Opening. 8.10 "Musical Delicacies" — Haydn: Cassation for Guitar, Violin & Cello; Mozart: Sonata for Basson & Cello; Weber: Clarinet Concerto No. 1 (De Peyer). 9.05 An Hour with Andre Previn, conductor. 10.05 *Radio Music Club. 11.00 News in easy* Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programme for Elementary Schools. 11.35 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programme for Elementary Schools. 12.35 Choirs. 1.05 Midday Concert — Rossini-Casella: Sonata for Strings; A. Marcello: Oboe Concerto; Monteverdi: Aria (Baker); Chopin: Rondo Concertante & Krakowiak (Weissenberg); Beethoven: "Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage" — Cantata. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea — Improving your Knowledge." 3.30 Literature — Questions and Answers. 3.50 The Halacha. 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 "Tunes for Tweens." 5.10 "Jazz." 5.50 "Enigma." 6.05 "This is Yavne." 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading, Yehezkel chaps 29 and 40. 8.05 World of Science. 8.30 (Stereo) Jer. Symph. Orch. — Shoshana Rudiakov, piano — Ravel: "Ma Mere l'Oye"; "Sheherazade" (Anat Breitner); Piano Concerto in G; "La Valse." — Juan Pablo Izquierdo, cond. 11.05 "From Another Angle." 12.10 A Moment of Poetry. 12.13 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 258, 249, 355 and 349 M.
5.58 a.m. Opening. 6.00 Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.35 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 Good Morning. 8.55 "Names and Events in the Headlines." 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.). 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.38 Hebrew Songs. 1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.10 "Al Galav Yavi" — new records and recordings. 3.05 Requests — Oriental Songs. 3.52 "Names and Events in the Jewish Scene." 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 "Carnival." 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 "Carnival" (cont.). 5.10 "Songs from the Hit Parades." 6.05 "Songs on One Theme." 6.45 Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "It Matters to Me." 10.05 Direct "Direct Dialling." 11.05 "I'm Yours and You are Mine." 1.05 Close Down.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SER
5.30 News. 5.32 Service Broade Science Series. 6.10 "I've Got Th Songs. 8.00 Morasha. 8.30 Ma Kojak. 9.50 Moked. 10.40 News. Educational: 7.50 English 9. 9.05 9.25 "Improve Your Hebrew English 10. 10.20 English 6. 1 Kindergarteners. 11.05 English Art. 12.00 English 9. 12.20 Englis Technology 9. 3.30 "Impro Hebrew." 4.00 English 9. 4.20 "I Campaign." 4.39 French. 4.55 P Arabic: 5.30 News. 5.32 Quiz: 6. 7.00 Family Magazine. 7.30 New

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.
6.58 p.m. Opening. 7.00 News. 7. Melody. 8.05 Song and Melody.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 B Close Down.
ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGR
7.00 a.m. (4th programme and sh 1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme waves): 6.00 p.m. (4th progran 8.45 p.m. (4th programme); 10.0 (short waves).
FRENCH NEWS AND PROGR
7.15 a.m. (4th programme and sh 2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme waves): 6.00 p.m. (4th progran 9.00 p.m. (4th programme); 12.0 (short waves).
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 2
Short Waves — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, 4
GALEI ZAHAL
234, 220 and 228 M.
5.58 *Morning Prayer.* 6.05 Morn 7.55 Programme Trailer. 8.05 Za areel. 9.05 Requests. 10.05 Warm 10.30 "Me and My Songs." 10.45 Tasty. 10.55 Uri Seis's Corner. and Tasty. 11.55 Yosef Lapid's C "Midday Star."
12.55 "It Reminds Me." 1.05 Happy Love." 1.55 p.m. Announce "Two till Four" — with Gila Al Please Call. 5.05 Zahal's New Tunes for Everybody. 5.55 P Trailer. 6.05 "A General and a Pri Art and Entertainment Magazine Request." 10.05 "Let's Talk" — w Donewitz. 11.53 Midnight Talk. 12 Newsreel. 12.30 "Night Birds." Music. 3.05-6.00 Tunes in the Nig

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AVIV STOCKS

Upward trend for bonds

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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The turnover in stocks was IL66,500; of this, IL362,700 was the Variables.

Bank Leumi lost 0.5 to 250.5 (84,000); IDB lost 0.5 to 193 (62,000); Electricity gained 2.5 to 137 (88,000); Hadera remained at 268 (8,000); Discount investment lost two to 156 (15,000) and Bank Leumi investment remained at 196 (9,000).

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1969, Series 41	b	141	143.5
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pref.	r	294	294
Bankholding	r	193	193.5
Bank	r	302.5	302
rt Bank "A"	r	425	425
Mizrahi Bank	b	157	157.5
Hapoalim—10%	b	299	299
Leumi "A"		250.5	251
GAGE BANKS			
ortgage Bank	b	266	266
l Mortg. & Inv.	b	154	154
Mortg. Bank	b	268	268
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f 8%	b	231	232
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torage—IL10	r	128.5	129.5
Electric Corp.	r	187	184.5
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and Dev.	b	98	99

Sofel Bonds—10%	b	123	123
Property & Build.	r	186	184
Isras	b	105	105
Mehadrin	r	167	167
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	90.5	90.5
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	218	218
Neot Aviv	r	84.5	84.5
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Rassco—8%	r	82	81.5
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INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	415	415
Elco—2.5	b	87	87.5
Electra—C	r	133	134
"Argaman"—8%	b	190	193
"Ata"—C	r	78.5	79
Dubek	b	360	363
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	133	133
Tena		1100	1131
Chem. & Phosphates	r	130	129
Lewin Epstein	b	66.5	66.5
Moller Textile	r	315	203
Phoenicia—8%	b	70.5	70.5
Paper Mills	r	368	368
Assis "B"	r	163.5	161.5
Nechushtan	o	560	545
Elite (A)	r	189	189
Shemen—8%	b	107	107.5
"Tael" Plywood	b	108.5	108.5
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	84.5	83
Ellern	b	148.5	149.5
Israel Central Trade	r	162.5	162.5
Bank Hapoalim	b	244	244
Paz	b	94	95
Wolfson IL10	b	73	74
Ampa	r	111.5	111
Discount Bank	b	156	158
United Mizrahi	b	150	158.5
Bank Leumi	r	196	196
Piryon Investment	r	97.5	97
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	80	80
Export Bank	b	68	68
Clal Investment	r	200	200
Clal Industries	r	112	118
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Stock market climbs

YORK (AP). — The stock t paused for some profit taking hen began climbing again yes- y, supported by falling interest and further signs of abating on.

Dow Jones average of 30 rials, down more than 4 points 1-day, showed a gain of nearly oints half an hour before the Gainers held an 8 to 5 lead osers in active trading on the York Stock Exchange.

lysts said a primary market stimulant was the Federal Reserve's reduction of its discount rate, announced after Friday's close, from 6.75 to 6.25 per cent. It was the third half-point cut in the charge the Fed makes on loans to its member commercial banks this year.

Brokers also noted encouragement over the National Association of Purchasing Management's report that industrial buyers found raw materials prices lower in February — the first time that had happened in 12 years.

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Why VAT opponents' arguments don't hold water

Now is not the time to introduce VAT, Dr. Arthur Bergmann said in an article in yesterday's issue of The Jerusalem Post. Here, Post Economic Editor MOSHE ATER says that the imposition of VAT in the near future is necessary, in spite of the strains which are likely to accompany it in its initial stage.

DR. BERGMANN'S article is an important contribution to the current discussion concerning VAT. It shows, that notwithstanding the government's decision to introduce the new tax this year, opposition to VAT persists, with the trade unions adamant in delaying it as long as possible. It also demonstrates how impressive are the arguments of the VAT opponents. Nevertheless, one may doubt whether their reasoning can hold water.

The main argument advanced by Dr. Bergmann is that VAT must cause a price rise across the board, since Israel has no turnover tax which can be abolished when the new tax is introduced. This is true, of course (though a turnover tax on banks and insurance companies was introduced in 1973). However, Israel has a fairly heavy sales tax on a large number of products. In the next fiscal year it is expected to produce IL3.8b. (as compared to the IL10b. expected to be collected by the income tax). Israel also has a number of excise and indirect taxes (on cement, fuel, entertainment), which are expected to produce another IL3b. Since VAT at 10 per cent has been estimated to produce IL4b. if it were introduced instantly (though this may be an underestimate), there is evidently enough scope for offsetting its impact by abolition, or reduction, of other taxes, if a general price rise is to be avoided.

Crippling effects

One may therefore agree that people's purchasing power and real incomes should not be reduced, that a new tax upping the general price level and the c.o.l. would not be worthwhile for the Treasury. Yet, one could advocate VAT as a better tax than the existing ones. At most, one could argue that VAT should not for the time being be used for raising *additional* revenue. To that end perhaps higher taxation of tobacco or petrol products would be preferable indeed, though one may doubt whether they could yield the amounts suggested by Dr. Bergmann without resulting in crippling effects on the economy and widespread resentment.

Incidentally, a substantial part of any higher tax burden imposed on motor-cars would be shifted to the Treasury (via the cost accounts and the car allowances) under the present tax system. If this tax is to achieve the targets set by Dr. Bergmann (additional revenue, saving in *foreign currency, ecological improvement*), it would have to be accompanied by some reform of the tax law now in force. But the introduction of VAT is advocated as a part of just such a reform long overdue.

Moreover, the introduction of VAT has been recommended in order to use any additional revenue it may yield for reducing the present excessive rates of our income tax plus compulsory loans. Though the main purpose of the intended reform is not to reduce the aggregate tax burden, but to alter the tax structure, to widen its base and to reduce the marginal tax rates, some groups of taxpayers are expected to benefit from the change, and to gain additional purchasing power. They will therefore be in a position to pay somewhat higher prices without reducing their living standards. On the other hand, the low-income groups — which are not paying income tax and are unlikely to be affected by its reform — are presumed to be offset for the price rise caused by VAT (if that price rise takes place) by a substantial relief, as mentioned by Dr. Bergmann.

Also, a price rise across the board as a result of VAT could be avoided by a price freeze for a limited transition period, as has been done with considerable success by several European countries. Or perhaps the introduction of VAT could be carried out in several stages, starting with a low rate. If the initial rate is set at, say, 5 per cent, the price impact ought not to exceed 3 per cent, which would be hardly felt by our inflation-ridden economy.

On the other hand, to delay the implementation of VAT until prices begin to fall is not a particularly good plan. To be sure, in such a period consumers' resistance is likely to force producers and traders to absorb all, or part, of the tax imposed on them. However, consumers' resistance to price rises is visibly growing even now, as has been shown by the readiness of many firms to absorb the recent hike in sales tax. During a serious recession — which alone could conceivably cause prices to decline in a general way — we shall be also faced with unemployment as a result of sluggish economic activity. In such circumstances, the Government will think twice before imposing a new tax that must further reduce producers' — as well as employers' and investors' — profit margins.

It could be argued that no unemployment need to be feared as long as the Government is willing to apply counter-cyclical policies, and to provide the additional purchasing power needed to revamp economic activity. That is indeed what the Government has been doing todate, and what it is urged to do by the trade unions. However, there is no need to enlarge upon the adverse *snowballing* effects of the inflation we are engaged in. By now it is clear that it is increasing income disparities, and is hurting most the low-income groups.

Outdated system

Moreover, it must be checked because domestic overspending is swelling our imports, handicapping exports, and thus depleting our remaining foreign currency reserves. But inflation cannot be discontinued without bringing Government spending in a better balance with its revenue. Since cuts in the State budget are very difficult to be carried out, an effective anti-inflationary policy largely boils down to increasing the State's revenue. However, that is next to impossible to achieve without reforming our outdated, *inefficient fiscal system*.

At this juncture the major issue lurking behind the opposition to VAT must be faced. This opposition is not confined to the *timing* of VAT. It refers basically to the *essence* of VAT, as tax which is *not progressive*, and therefore affects rich and poor consumers alike.

Probably Dr. Bergmann did not overlook the existence of sales taxes in this country. Rather, he did not take them into account because he felt they belong to a different category than VAT. A family forced to pay the additional 10 per cent of VAT on its humble bread or cheap clothing or bus fare will not be helped by a reduction of the sales tax imposed on chocolate or expensive garments or cars, he probably felt. He would probably admit that the present pattern of our taxes is highly discriminating, and, to that extent, arbitrary, but would argue that it is exactly how it ought to be in order to subsidize the underprivileged groups of people at the expense of the well-to-do.

This approach of course follows the time-hallowed tradition of progressive and socialist thinking. Yet one may wonder whether a confrontation between the poor and the rich is not a bit too simplistic. By *confining the issue to that of prices* charged for a limited range of consumer goods, this approach fails to take into account the many other factors affecting people's real incomes — and income differentials — such as employment opportunities, business prospects, market forces, *investments, and—lastly—resources* available for public spending.

It considers solely the impact of taxes (and subsidies) on people's *private consumption*, but not on their *working* and *saving habits*, and on the nation's economic performance. It overlooks the current reappraisal of the role played by fiscal discrimination in economic growth and social wellbeing. In this country in particular the highly progressive tax system is visibly breaking down, is honoured more in the breach than in the observance under the impact of economic pressures (including those exercised by the trade unions). And the decisive fact is that VAT has been introduced — in spite of all progressive misgivings — in both the EEC and the EFTA countries, including those with strong socialist governments.

Milching the rich

Lastly, the industrially advanced states of Western Europe may find it necessary to revamp popular consumption in order to check economic recession. In Israel, on the contrary, consumption must now be checked in order to avoid national bankruptcy. This cannot be achieved solely by milching the rich in favour of the poor. Neither is it solely a matter of balancing public revenue and expenditure. It also requires proper management of the nation's *real resources*. Dr. Bergmann rightly points out that "in the current period of shortages any method leading to a reduction of consumption must be welcome." One such method is likely to be the imposition of VAT in spite of the strains which are likely to accompany the new tax in its initial stage.

El Al goes ahead with Jumbo cargo-convertible

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — El Al is going ahead with its plans to absorb a fourth Boeing 747 C (Jumbo cargo-convertible) next November, *The Jerusalem Post* was told last week.

Despite criticism, the plane should be able to pay its way and will be used to carry freight, passengers or both as required, the company's public relations officer, Mr. Mordechai Savitzky said. He pointed out that El Al was currently leasing two freighters to haul some 80 tons of agricultural produce to Europe every day. The Jumbo will be capable of carrying some 100 tons of produce. It will be swivel-nosed for quick roll-on-off loading procedures (90 minutes) and can be reconverted into a 400 seat passenger version in little more than that time.

The IL250m. plane will come equipped with more powerful engines than the current 747 version in service with the company. El Al plans to replace all of its Jumbo engines with the new version within the next four years, thereby simplifying maintenance and engine logistics problems, *The Jerusalem Post* was told.

Apart from giving one of their "Gullivers" a complete overhaul (total disassembly for inspection — replacement and repair) the El Al technical crews have chalked up another "first" — installing an audible "flaps warning" in addition to the visual warning system installed in the cockpit. The audible warning system is required to prevent repetition of a recent Jumbo crash when the flaps failed to come out fully but this did not register in the cockpit. (Flaps provide added "lift" and lower the stalling speed of aircraft in take off and landing procedures. While speed may be high enough for lift-offs with flaps fully or partly out, depending on altitude, height and outside temperatures, closed or insufficiently extended flaps may cause the plane to crash at the same speed. This is what is believed to have been the cause of one disastrous Jumbo crash near Nairobi last year.)

The United States has now made the installation of additional audible flap warning systems mandatory.

Between the self-installation of the warning system and the overhaul of the Jumbo (during the "off" season) — instead of having the planes sent to their parent plants — the technical crews have saved the company a very large sum of money, *The Jerusalem Post* was told.

Another forward looking company as far as traffic to Israel is concerned is Lufthansa, the national German carrier. It plans to introduce four-engined Boeings on its runs to Lod as of next month. Beginning April 1, three of Lufthansa's six weekly flights will be carried out by 707's. These planes should also be able to take on more freight (Lufthansa is a firm believer in the development of air freight traffic and has the most advanced freight handling system of its kind in the world in operation at its Frankfurt base).

Lufthansa passenger traffic to Israel shot up by an impressive 31 per cent last year and the company is hoping to be able to achieve a similar record this year.

The company PR officer here also told *The Jerusalem Post* that his company expects to be one of the few international airlines to show a profit — even if modest — by the end of the current fiscal year.

IL300m. increase in Negev agriculture seen for 1975

By MORDECHAI ZASLOW
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEER-SHEBA. — The total gross agricultural output of the Negev area is expected to amount to IL1000m., an increase of IL300m. over last year's total.

David Nahmias, Regional Director of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency, says that the recent extremes in the weather have probably most affected farmers of the Arava region who suffered damage as a result of flooding, and Arabs, mostly Beduin, who may have lost up to 50 per cent of their 500,000 dunams of planted wheat.

Once the what turns yellow, as it did as a result of the drought in January and early February and the crop had started to divide, there is little that can be done to salvage what remains when the rains come later, as happened this year.

The export market has proved better than expected, according to Mr. Nahmias, who thought that the economic recession hitting Europe would also affect both the prices and the quantities of products sold.

"We have received higher prices than in previous years and have sold more flowers, avocados, onions tomatoes and other vegetables," he said.

This year the Negev produced some 40 million roses for export, 46 per cent of the national total. Negev gladioli represent 77 per cent of the 35 million flowers exported.

In spite of the improved efficiency and general output, Mr. Nahmias wants to increase the amount of crops being exported to another 15 per cent during the next two years, raising the total to 50 per cent of all agricultural produce.

Water continues to be the major problem for agriculture in the Negev. Although statistical records of rainfall for the past 50 years are maintained, Mr. Nahmias said there is no way to predict a drought year reliably. Today some 80 per cent of the water used in the moshavim and kibbutzim in the area is from the national water carrier with the remainder coming from local wells.

"You can see the scope of the problem when you realize that we have 57,000 dunams of cotton, 27,000 dunams of sugar beets and an additional 70,000 dunams of flowers and vegetables—all irrigated crops," Mr. Nahmias said.

He pointed out there are an additional 1,000m. dunams of non-*irrigated crops divided between Arab* and Jewish farmers, the main crop being wheat.

Joint management plan for Laromme, IRH hotels groups

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Negotiations are in an advanced stage for the establishment of a joint company to manage Israel's largest hotel complex.

The talks, expected to be finalized after Pessah, involve the Israel Resort Hotels and the Laromme International group, which together operate seven top-flight hostelries between Safad and Eilat. The purpose is to assure more economical and efficient management.

Five of the hotels involved are I.R.H. establishments: the Sharon in Herzliya, Sinai in Tel Aviv, Galei Kinneret in Tiberias, Rimon Inn in Safad and Neptune in Tel Aviv. Laromme's contribution would be its 300-room hotel on Eilat's Coral Beach and one of the two now being built in Tel Aviv.

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A CABINET PROBLEM

THE CABINET is to meet today in special session to hear a report from the negotiating team on the first round of talks with Dr. Kissinger. Announcing this yesterday, official spokesmen hastened to add a caution which has become almost a cliche in recent weeks: the Cabinet will not be required to take any decisions.

From the legal, formal standpoint the situation has reached palpable absurdity. The talks with the U.S. Secretary centre on a scenario involving Israel's withdrawal from the Mitla Pass and Abu Rodeis, while the only existing Cabinet decision is one approving a proposal — long since obsolete and defunct — *for a 30-50 km. pullback* specifically excluding the Pass and the oil.

That decision was taken before one of Foreign Minister Allon's trips to Washington towards the end of last year. It subsequently materialized that Egypt was not at all interested in a modest settlement of that kind. There were serious second-*thoughts about it in Israel too.*

Earlier this year, Premier Rabin told an American television audience that he "would recommend" to the Israel Cabinet that it agree to cede the Mitla and Abu Rodeis in the context of a broader settlement — if Egypt would agree to end the state of belligerency between the two countries. This *"recommendation" forms the* basis of the current negotiations.

Mr. Rabin carefully avoided making the proposal *officially* in the name of his government, and he has not submitted it to the Cabinet for approval. Thus, today the Cabinet will hear of negotiations over a proposal of which it has no official knowledge.

But the issue goes far beyond the formal and the technical, and beyond, too, the question of logical and systematic cabinet *government.*

Beneath Mr. Rabin's reluctance to share his public proposal with his Cabinet in the ordinary manner lies a suspicion that if he did so it might not receive a smooth passage. More specifically, a Cabinet debate might bring to the surface differences which are said to exist between the Premier and Defence Minister Shimon Peres over the conditions in which the two strategic assets in Sinai could be ceded.

Such differences are widely "said to exist" by circles close to the Defence Minister, and are widely discussed — save by Mr. Peres himself. "No differences," Mr. Peres asserted last week, adding an ominous "just now."

In the Government policy-*making forums — save on one* occasion back in November — no open differences of opinion have been aired — if indeed they exist.

Mr. Rabin reasons that since the negotiations are anyway still far from the stage of considering conditions, he can usefully stave off a possible confrontation inside the Cabinet in the hope that a package settlement will eventually emerge that will be acceptable to the Cabinet as a whole.

The danger, however, is that *the pressing desire to avoid a* confrontation may impede the Israeli negotiators when they sit with the Secretary over these fateful talks. Constantly looking over their shoulders at each other, they may neglect to look for acceptable openings and options with Egypt.

It would have been better and wiser to thrash out the issues and differences frankly and fairly in advance of the negotiations. It is not yet too late to do so: the talks with the Secretary are still at their initial stage.

To be effective, the negotiating team must talk to Dr. Kissinger with one voice. It can do so only if it makes up its mind to discuss the crucial is-*sues in time, instead of watching* the negotiators shadow-boxing in a cloud of rumour.

MIDDLE EAST SCENE by ANAN SAFADI

THIS WEEK'S most significant development in the Middle East is probably the emergence of Syrian President Hafez Assad as a focal figure. His image suddenly overshadowed that of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat as U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger flew into the region for his latest efforts toward settling the Israel-Arab conflict.

All speculations about a second-stage settlement confined to Sadat appeared undermined as the shadow of the Syrian leader spread darkly over the Middle East scene. Assad seemed to be intimating that it was his word rather than that of Sadat which will be decisive in the issue of peace or war.

Syrian President Hafez Assad gestures during his meeting in Damascus on Sunday with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. (AP radiophoto)

Deciphering the Assad puzzle

Second thoughts

Kissinger, too, seems to be having second thoughts on the position Assad has unexpectedly taken. The U.S. Secretary of State announced on arriving here that he would make at least one return visit to Damascus to continue the talks he began with Assad on Sunday.

Observers view Kissinger's decision as a strong indication that the Secretary may have found an interest in exploring further Syrian thoughts on future moves, while evidently realizing that an interim settlement between Egypt and Israel *is likely to be far from stable* unless Syria is involved. He apparently found Egypt less than flexible, with Cairo influenced by Damascus rather than vice versa.

It would be quite erroneous to assume that Kissinger was really encouraged by what he termed the *"frank and friendly" discussion* he had with Assad. The Secretary appears to be embarking on probing certain aspects of Syrian policy, in view of the fact that Assad has probably aired some ideas about them for the first time this week.

Most important among these ideas were Assad's expressions of readiness to agree to an interim settlement with Israel "provided all Arab fronts are involved"; his willingness to agree to end the state *of war within the framework of* UN Security Council resolution 338 provided that any future accord would stop short of a peace treaty; and his proposal to include Palestinian representatives in a Syrian delegation to any forthcoming peace negotiations at Geneva.

The main questions which remain unanswered are whether the Syrian concept of peace moves means progress towards recognizing Israel sovereignty, or a tactical step towards the annihilation of the Jewish State — an end to which Arab extremists aspire in the restoration of "peace in a secular Palestine." Furthermore, is Syria heading towards a union with the Palestinians in order to pacify the challenge of their extremists to the very exis*tence of Israel? Or is Syria lining* up with the extremists over the same issue? Damascus suggests it is being conciliatory by its mere acceptance of Kissinger's diplomacy, and a political dialogue with Israel under the UN resolutions.

In the context of this uncertainty over Syria's hardline policies, Kissinger is believed to detect Assad's intentions on issues considered decisive to any peace efforts in the area.

It may be assumed that for the moment Assad is indeed speaking for Syria. It should be remembered that he enjoys both popularity and power in his country which he has been leading for five years. This is obvious from the fact that Damascus has been free of the traditional intrigues and coups d'etat which plagued Syrian politics for about two decades.

President Hafez Assad, a former combat pilot, was one of the officers stationed in Cairo in 1959 when Nasser took over the presidency of the ill-fated merger between Egypt and Syria declared the previous year. Assad was dismissed from the service in 1961 after the break-up of the merger by an alliance of Syrian militarists and [illegible] headed by Dr. Nazim [illegible] was however reinstated later when his own [illegible] took power in March 196[illegible]

In February 1966, [illegible] pointed Minister of [illegible] Commander of the Air [illegible] steered himself into the [illegible] dership which toppled [illegible] government of Nour Ed[illegible] in November 1970. Ass[illegible] came Prime Minister an[illegible] sident on February 197[illegible]

Doctrinaire

Though he belongs [illegible] *nority Moslem Alawite* [illegible] now 48, succeeded in [illegible] ria's various political gr[illegible] hind him in a "Nation[illegible] sive Front" coalition [illegible] *tion pledged itself to* [illegible] doctrinaire socialism [illegible] from the outside world [illegible] reportedly led to Dama[illegible] ing diplomatic ties w[illegible] Western countries, in[illegible] U.S.

One of the peculiar[illegible] Assad's regime is its [illegible] with the Soviet Union, [illegible] political and military su[illegible] in contrast to previo[illegible] which were open satell[illegible] cow, the Soviets say of [illegible] he takes from them "ev[illegible] cept advice."

As a matter of fact [illegible] cult to determine how [illegible] fit in Assad's recent m[illegible] — his continued dialogu[illegible] *singer, or his gestures* towards both Jordan a[illegible] lestinians" who are se[illegible] cow's main political we[illegible] Middle East at present [illegible]

The tall, smooth-spo[illegible] leader is today undo[illegible] sphinx of the Middle E[illegible] lution of the puzzle th[illegible] will eventually provide [illegible] to the question of whet[illegible] is heading towards pe[illegible] and how — through pa[illegible] interim settlement or an [illegible] lution to the Middle E[illegible] Now that Egyptian [illegible] war Sadat, himself a [illegible] has shown himself to [illegible] less predictable, one may [illegible] and what are you. M[illegible] Once this question is an[illegible] prospects of solving con[illegible] may be easier to evalua[illegible]

READERS' LETTERS

All for peace — but not at price of another war

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—As a bereaved Israeli mother I believe that Dr. Kissinger is trying to make peace in the Middle East, but have grave doubts concerning the efficacy of his methods and his real motives.

We, the people of Israel, are asked to return to the Arabs the Golan Heights, for which so many of our sons fell. They did not fall trying to conquer new lands; they fell in order to save us from the *Arab hordes descending upon our* northern towns and villages. We are asked to return Sinai, the Mitla and Gidi Passes and Abu Rodeis. We did not take these deliberately from the Arabs. How many parents are still weeping for sons who fell holding these places so that other Arab hordes would not attack Beersheba, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem?

I am all for peace, but not at the price of another war at Mr. Sadat's convenience.

Israel would be giving up everything in exchange for Sadat's "word." What is the "word" of Arab leaders worth? Attacking a small hotel and cinema in Tel Aviv? Murdering simple people in Maalot, Beit Shean and Nahariya? Should we sit down with murdering gangsters, give them all they ask and accept their word of "non-belligerence" as a fair exchange, in the hope for peace?

When one lives in Israel, feels with Israel and fights for Israel, then one can decide what to offer in exchange for peace. With all the goodwill in the world, I don't think that Mr. Kissinger can judge what is beneficial for us in the long run. I would not like to see more of our sons falling nearer home, from less defensible positions, because we have given in to the persuasion of *the big power interests.*

DORIS V. MOUSHINE

Rehovot, March 6.

Accusation untrue

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have just received a copy of an article by Mark Segal, "Jews who aid the Arab propaganda machine" (January 30), which contains a passage highly defamatory of me.

(a) I am not an editor of the prestigious Pelican series of Penguin publishing. I am General Editor of the Penguin *African Library* which publishes books on Africa. I do not advise on the publication of books about Israel.

(b) I was, accordingly, not personally responsible for re-issuing Maxim Ghilan's "How Israel Lost Her Soul," one of the sickest tirades to have appeared of late. I have not even read the book.

(c) I am in no sense a self-hating Jew, contributing towards pro-Arab propaganda.

RONALD SEGAL

Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, March 1.

Pogrom slogans

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your issue of March 3, Mr. Iddo Nitai boasts of his part in "organizing and participating" in the demonstration calling Dr. Kissinger "Jew Boy" and hoisting a flaming banner to this effect.

It is incredible that a Jew, born in an independent Jewish state, could bait another Jew by borrowing pogrom slogans. *It is appalling* for anyone to be insulted on account of his ethnic origin, but for an Israeli to resort to this is the culmination of blind arrogance and bad taste.

Mr. Nitai may agree or disagree with the policies of Dr. Kissinger towards Israel. There are many effective ways of voicing protests, but to stoop to the level of Jew-baiting in Israel should be punishable here as in other countries.

(Mrs.) E. YANAI

Givatayim, March 3.

POSTSCRIPTS

PRESIDENT ASSAD seems to be trying to revive a very short-lived dream, as the Greater Syria of which he talks today existed for only a few months and was torpedoed when the French bombed and shelled Damascus in March 1920. Before that, Damascus — like the rest of the vast territories of the Middle East — came under the suzerainty of the Ottoman Empire.

Nor was it any fun to be part of Southern Syria as Palestine and Syria were then called.

In a letter from Jerusalem to the senior editor of the "New York Observer" on April 16, 1826, the Rev. Jonas King described the visit to the Holy City of the Pasha of Damascus, who had come to collect his annual tribute:

"Yesterday, the Pasha of Damascus moved off with his troops and no eye was wet, except with joy, at his departure.... Terror marched before them and destruction came in the rear. At their approach, the inhabitants of Bethlehem and Ephratah fled to Hebron, except a few whose trembling limbs could not well sustain in flight.

"The Pasha, with his soldiers, *pitched his tent without the western* gate of the beloved city, and sent in his servants, saying: 'Deliver me thy silver and thy gold.' All was consternation. Houses were broken open — Christians, Jews and Mussulmans, were dragged to his camp, put in chains, and many of them cruelly beaten with rods on the soles of their feet... Soldiers were stationed in the principal convents, armed men were patrolling the streets, women were insulted, all hearts palpitated with fear, on all countenances sat paleness.

"For two or three days, it might *be said that Jerusalem was literally* in tears. Her priests sighed, her virgins were afflicted, and she was in bitterness.

The little company of English and American Missionaries were almost the only ones out of fear. And, indeed, one night, we ourselves did not feel quite sure that we were safe...

"The Pasha, after having gathered the riches of the people, as one gathers eggs that are left, no one being able to move the wing, to open the mouth, or to peep,' set off for Damascus, leaving the whole region in a state of confusion and danger. The Arabs in the country *round about Jerusalem,* vexed at what the Pasha has done, will now be like bears, robbed of their whelps.

"I have just been broken off in writing my letter, to go with Dr. Dalton, to see a poor young man, who was shot this morning by an Arab, about an hour and a half from this city. He had fled from the oppression of the Pasha to Ram Allah, and was this morning quietly returning, with another young man, when an Arab suddenly started up and fired upon him... The wound is very dangerous...

"On returning to my lodgings I was told that a man had just been killed, between here and Mar Elias, about an hour's distance, and that two others have been stripped by robbers.

"Excuse these hasty lines, which show you a little the situation of your friend at Jerusalem."

The original of this letter is in the possession of Mayor Teddy Kollek.

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THERE WERE many rumours current about the real reason for Leonid Brezhnev's two-month's absence from the public eye and the nature of the "illness" which pr[illegible] from making his schedu[illegible] ances and journeys (to [illegible] stance).

The French version, a[illegible] Andrew Wilson of Ofra[illegible] Soviet leader was being [illegible] after a bout of alcohol[illegible] on by strain and his [illegible] Scotch whisky.

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THE FILM on the Dre[illegible] now showing in Paris [illegible] back upsetting memo[illegible] daughter, 82-year-old [illegible] Levy.

"I was 18-months-old [illegible] father was arrested," sh[illegible] "Mama hid what had [illegible] from my brother and [illegible] children sense when s[illegible] wrong. Our household w[illegible] would ask 'Where is fath[illegible] ren threw stones at m[illegible] was a modest, simple [illegible] would believe that su[illegible] could happen?"

Asked whether anoth[illegible] Dreyfus" was possible [illegible] nowadays, she said: "I [illegible] it's possible now. It's [illegible] say. I think it's right [illegible] should be a State of I[illegible] are still people in France [illegible] my father was guilty."

Joan Cherasse, who [illegible] film (Dreyfus' daughte[illegible] him with many photo[illegible] letters), said he was ab[illegible] now because President [illegible] d'Estaing had lifted film [illegible] last year. He decided to [illegible] picture because "there [illegible] intolerance in the wor[illegible] must fight it and becau[illegible] a world diplomatic opera[illegible] press the State of Israel."

Cherasse is not a Jew.

Dry Bones

ISRAEL PRESS

K's success in doubt

HA'ARETZ (independent) says that in view of the many threats now *emanating from Cairo and Damas*cus, Israel must make it doubly clear that it will not surrender secure positions in Sinai unless there is a commensurate political return. The Fatah gang's infiltration into Tel Aviv was a political success in that it now makes it difficult for the Egyptian president to display any readiness for compromise: As a result of the raid, Sadat has once again placed emphasis on "the legitimate rights of the Palestinians."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) says the clear impression now is that Syria was behind the attack on the Savoy Hotel in Tel Aviv, and Assad's proposal for a Syrian-PLO joint command also implies joint action in the sphere of terrorism against civilian targets in Israel. In the face of such threats, Israel cannot remain complacent.

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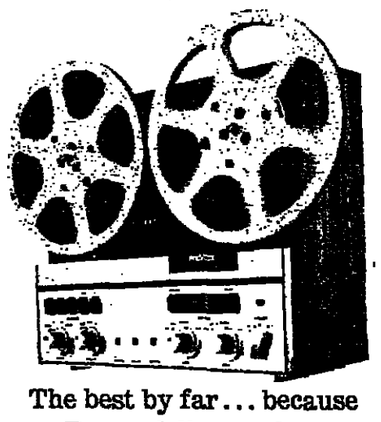

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